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Animal study links cell phone use with cancer

By JUDY SIEGEL

Health Ministry officials urgently called health experts in Australia, Britain and the US yesterday for more details about what bas been described as the first serious piece of lab research linking cancer with exposure to electromagnetic radiation from the use of cellular phones.

The study, conducted on 200 mice, was led by Dr. Michael Repacholi at the Royal Adelaide Hospital in South Australia, and published in Radiation

Research, Vol. 147. The Australian authors claimed their article was turned down by the prestigious journal Science on the grounds that publication would cause panic, and by Nature because "it could not handle such important conclnsions without the research being confirmed by further studies."

Dr. Avi Livnat, bead of the ministry's medical device unit, who learned of the new study from The Jerusalem Post, stated that "the subject is important, thus we make efforts to update ourselves and

study it in depth."

The amount of time Israelis spend conversing over cellular phones is known to be several times that of Americans, who use them mostly while driving. Nearly one out of four residents here has a cel-

Livnat added that electromagnetic radiation has been suspected for many years of posing bealth risks, but despite the accumulation of much data, "there has been no proof, if levels are within international limits, that they cause

health damage."
The text of the article, which last night had not yet reached Jerusalem, was requested by Livnat, who said that in the meantime the ministry will base its position on the US Food and Drug Administration, which recently "studied the matter carefully and reached the conclusion that there is as yet no proof of health dangers posed by cellular phone use. We will, of course, continue to study the matter and update the public on our

Half of the mice were subjected to GSM-type pulsed microwaves at a power density roughly equal to a cellu-lar phone handset transmitting for two half-hour periods a day. The electromagnetic radiation was equivalent to that emitted by a cellular phone, not the steady transmission of a cell-phone

transmitting tower. Over a period of 18 months, the exposed mice developed more than twice the rate of lymphoma (cancer of the lymphatic system) than those not exposed to the cellular phone radiation. The tumors began to appear after nine months.

The scientists noted that the lab animals were transgenic mice specialty bred to be susceptible to cancers of the immune system, but these mice are commonly used in such studies as proxies, since cancer-causing effects are believed to be cumulative at the cell level.

The Australians said that while physio-Continued on Page 14

Labor



News agencies

LONDON - Britons turned out in the millions yesterday to vote in an election that seems to bave

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ended 18 years in the political wilderness for the rejuvenated Labor Party, with exit polls giving it a 159 seat majority in the 659seat House of Commons - bigger than the Labor landslide that



British Labor Party leader Tony Blair and his wife Cherie pose outside their polling station in Sedgefield, northeastern England, before they cast their votes in yesterday's national election. (AP)

office in 1945. Moments after polls closed, a

The warmest day of the year BBC survey said Labor was projected to take 47 percent of the attracted a brisk turnout and security forces were put on high alert vote, compared to just 29% for the

swept Winston Churchill out of Conservatives. That would be the in case the Irish Republican Army poorest Conservative showing launched a polling day attack. Police searched Britain's 45,000

polling stations, following bomb

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Ross to return next week

issues, one official said. Among

those are a safe passage route between Gaza and the West Bank,

the opening of Palestinian sea and

air ports, and instituting economic

arrangements that could benefit

the Palestinians in the short term.

After Ross returns to Washington, Dinger said,

Presideot Bill Clinton "will be

making some judgments about how the United States can best

Ross was last here two weeks

ago. Dinger said he had no details

"I think a very important issue for ali of us is the Middle East and

the oecessity of the US being involved there," Albright told reporters travelling with her to

Moscow on Wednesday. "We have made quite clear that the US will

continue to play the role of broker,

but the parties themselves have to

Channel 1 reported last night

that the US is strongly urging both

Israel and the Palestioians to

refrain from any unilateral steps

that might affect the shape of the

Meanwhile, Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Beotsur

denied reports that the peace

give us more to work with."

final-status agreement.

help the parties make progress."

of Ross's itinerary.

HILLEL KUTTLER, MICHAL YUDELMAN, and news agencies

US officials, led by special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross, will return to the region next week in an attempt to restart the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

The president and Secretary [of State Madeleine] Albright are sending Ambassador Ross back again to consult further with the parties on the steps they're prepared to take to re-energize the State Department process," spokesman John Dinger announced.

As the announcement was made, the Palestinians appeared to be softening their position.

Palestinian Authority Yasser Arafat's Chairman spokesman Marwao Kanafani said that peace talks could resume even without freeziog construction on Har Homa.

Kanafani said the Palestinians are willing to resume talks as long as they focus on their demands for an end to all settlement construction - including in Jerusalem and on the scope of Israel's troop pullbacks.

"If they mean it, it's a change in their position," said David Bar-Illan, an adviser to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. But be said Israel would still demand that Arafat crack down on terrorist groups and fully restore security cooperation, which bas been scaled back.

US officials believe the process is in its most dire straits since the signing of the Oslo Accords more than three years ago.

The US is focused now on at least bringing about a resolution of the remaining interim status

process is dead, as a senior ministry official had said. Bentsur said the statement, made by David Afek, head of the ministry's political research center, had beeo takeo out of context.

He said Afek's observation was made at a closed meeting on bow to advance the peace process. "The ministry's position is that the peace process is alive and well," be said. "Efforts are being made to return the negotiations to their track and I'm sure this will happeo soon."

Bentsur also denied a report in Yediot Aharonot that the Foreign Ministry has opened a "war file," calling it "strange. This report is groundless. There is no 'war file.' Nobody in the ministry has been asked or permitted to open such a mysterious file. The ministry is devoting all its efforts to advancing the peace process."

Commeoting on the confusion surrounding Foreign Minister David Levy's meeting with Albright, which was announced as being scheduled for today, then postpooed by two weeks after Washington officials said they didn't know of any such meeting, Bentsur said the misunderstanding was caused by "a human, techni-cal error, which could happen in the most properly run ministries."

Bentsur explained that Levy "was jovited by a most authorized person in the State Department, at Albright's request, to meet her on

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A message from our new publisher

By NORMAN SPECTOR

Two years ago, my term as Canadian ambassador here was ending and I began the traditional final round of calls on Israel's

l recall prime minister Yitzhak Rabin - in his trademark fashion - dismissing with a

wave of a hand the possibility that a Jew would ever kill another Jew. Opposition leader Binyamin Netanyabn, for his part, outlined how he would move to the center by accepting the Oslo agreements during the coming election campaign he predicted

would make him prime minister. I remember the legal adviser to the

Defense Ministry, Elyakim Rubinstein - vant Jew - he was being made to feel less leaning back thoughtfully in his chair - and less at home in Israel. explaining that the next time there was a nation with them. And Prof. Ephraim Inbar, head of the BESA Center at Bar-Ilan University, explaining that - as an obser-

In recalling these vignettes, among many peace initiative, it would be essential for others, I am taken aback by the magnitude Israel's leaders to bring more than half the of the changes that have ensued in two short years. And by a personal one, too, that some

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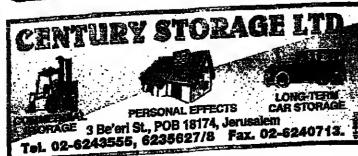
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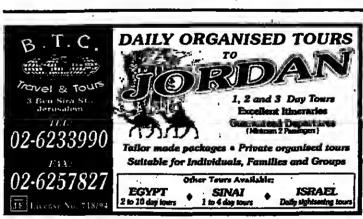
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Civil servants threaten to increase sanctions

Some 10.000 workers at 15 ministries continued their work sanctions yesterday despite a meeting between representatives of the Histadrut, the workers and the Treasury. The workers threatened to broaden the sanctions next week if they do not receive the pay raise they say is due them.

The Treasury says that the pay rise being demanded vio-lates the new labor agreement, and that it would cost the government some NIS 10 million. The workers are refusing to answer telephones, receive the public and send out mail

Stabbing victim dies of wounds

Sallah Sa'almeb, 23, of Turan in Lower Galilee, who was stabbed Wednesday evening as part of a continuing confrontation between rival Moslem and Christian clans in the village, died of his wounds several hours later in Poriya

Weizman visits Zavitzky home

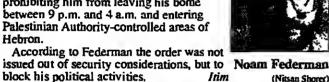
President Ezer Weizman and his wife, Reuma, paid a condo-lence call yesterday at the Kfar Adumim home Hagit Zavitzky, who was found murdered last week in Wadi Kelt. One family member complained to Weizman that there is not

enough security presence in the Wadi Kelt area.
"We all know that the Wadi Kelt area is dangerous. It would have been enough to set up an IDF post on one of the observation points to have prevented this disaster," he said.

Weizman responded by saying "that as much as I love Israel and places like these, I would suggest that members of Kfar Adumim be in touch with area IDF commanders and determine what is permissible and what is off-limits."

Federman appeals order limiting his movement

Hebron Jewisb community activist Noam Federman yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice against OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan's order prohibiting him from leaving his bome between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. and entering Palestinian Authority-controlled areas of





Former police officer arrested for fraud

Two Israelis, one a retired police officer, are being held in London for allegedly attempting to cheat banks there out of \$5 million, according to Scotland Yard.

Bella Weinstock, formerly head of internal police investigations, is to be remanded today.

"People in Israel know that my mother is one of the most honest women in the country through her service in the police force. ... She was arrested a week ago in London because of a complaint from a prominent resident there, Weinstock's daughter said in an interview on Channel 2 last night, adding that she is sure that her mother will be proven

Betar youth clash with neo-Nazis in Paris

Members of the Betar youth movement staged a protest in Paris yesterday against the mass demonstration by French rightists, including supporters of the National Front and neo-Nazis,

The Betar protesters clashed with young neo-Nazis, and four Betar youths were arrested. Two were later released. Jerusalem Post Staff

Motorcyclist hit by car

A motorcyclist was seriously injured last night when he was hit by a car that was turning left across the road into Moshav Nehalim. The motorcyclist, who was coming in the opposite direction, was brought to The Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus in Petah Tikva.

Police remove settler caravans

170 officers hold midmorning raid on Mitzpe Yericho

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Settlers of Mitzpe Yericho were left shocked yesterday after a midmorning police raid removed two caravans that had been erected on a hilltop in the 180-family sertlement. Police detained four settlers who attempted to prevent the caravans' removal, but they later released

Judea and Samaria Police Spokesman Opher Sivan said that 170 officers, including police, Military Police and civil administration personnel, took part in the raid. which lasted two hours.

Sivan said the police planned to charge two settlers who lived in the caravans.

Sivan said that settlers threw nails and other sharp objects on the road in an attempt to stop the operation. However, settlers charged that police bruially shoved settlers who were standing on the road, "passively" attempting to prevent the caravans from being hauled

Seltlement secretary Sarah Sarel charged that the police stormed into the settlement, disarming the guard at the entrance. When the guard questioned their actions, he was told that they were searching for Beduin suspects, she said.

Sivan countered that the operation was kept under wraps until the last minute, as police feared the settlers would violently resist any attempt to move the caravans. "The Iwo caravans were erected a month ago," Sarel said, adding that police ignored the 20 other caravans set up for young couples at the same time, that are situated

on the other side of the settlement. But Sivan said that the two caravans had been erected a few days ago and that it was a clear case of illegal con-

Sarel said she demanded to see an official order, but instead was shown a paper written by the Central Command's legal adviser.

According to Sivan, because the caravans were erected only days ago, a permit wasn't necessary. He added that the operation was carried out only after security forces and OC Central Commander Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and Judea and Samaria Police Commander Yossi Sidbon had reviewed the issue and read the legal adviser's report.

Sarel said the settlers were dismayed by the police action. "We have always maintained the law and educate our children to abide by it," she said. "If they had notified us beforehand, we would have at least had time to remove the furniture and prevent it from being smashed

A settler at the site told Arutz 7. "We were astonished to see, only a week after a double terrorist murder close

to here, that this is how our government acts." Pinhas Wallerstein, Binyamin Regional Council head and chairman of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said the civil administration ignores most of the building violations in the Arab sector, but is "fastidiously stringent" with the Jewish com-

Beilin meets Gush Etzion leaders

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Labor Party leadership candidate MK Yossi Beilin met with settlement leaders from Gush Etzion yesterday and presented his ideas for rescuing the peace

process. The settlers were left unsure as lo Beilin's motives for meeting with them. Some called it a "pure political move to gain votes in the upcoming [Labor Party] elec-tions." Others were willing to listen, but unable to accept Beilin's

During the week, Beilin also met with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and several foreign leaders. The meetings drew criticism from senior govemment officials, one of whom expressed amazement that "someone unauthorized to represent the state so brazenly seeks to put in motion a duplicate foreign poli-

Attending yesterday's meeting were Gush Etzion Regional Council Chairman Shilo Gal, Efrat Mayor Yinon Ahiman, Efrat councilman Michael Vaknin and several rabbis from the region.

Ahiman, who refused to say who had arranged the meeting, said that Beilin presented his ideas and the settlers gave him a list of their objections. According to Ahiman, some of the points raised by Beilin related to future pullbacks. He told us that the remaining

jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority," he said. Ahiman said that Beilin also raised the possibility of transferring large amounts of land in the Jordan Valley and the Judean Desert to the Palestinians during

50,000 settlers would have to get

used to the idea of living under the

future pullbacks. "Needless to say, we rejected the idea," he said.



Palestinians mark May Day

Palestinian girls dance on a stage opposite Har Homa yesterday, during a May Day convention of Palestinian notables, who called for an end to building there, Bulldozers have stripped half the hill of trees. The Palestinian Authority closed all offices in towns under its control for May Day, which PA Chairman Yasser Arafat declared a national holiday earlier this week. (Real Jon humanuc), Photo: Brian Hendlers

Israel, US, Turkey to hold strategic dialogue

By STEVE RODAN

Representatives of Israel. Turkey and the US are to convene next week for the first strategic dialogue among the three countries and to plan their forthcoming naval exercises in the Mediterranean, officials said yes-

The US participation, officials said, marks the importance Washington attaches to the defense relationship between Ankara and Jerusalem.

The Israeli delegation will be led by Defense Ministry senior adviser David Ivry. The Turks will be headed by Gen. Cevik Bir, deputy chief of the Turkish general staff. An unnamed senior representative of the US Army will represent the

prominent figure in the Turkish military. He is solidly pro-Western, a fervent advocate of ties with Israel, and an officer whose mission has been to protect Turkey's secular democracy from Islamist Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan.

Sources involved in the dialogue said the talks will deal with immediate and medium-term issues. The immediate concerns are wrapping up the details of a US-Israeli-Turkish sea exercise in the Mediterranean, planned over the next few weeks.

The longer term goal of the talks Bir is regarded as the most is to discuss strategy for dealing with what the countries regard as the emerging threats in the Middle East, particularly Iran and Syria. For several years, defining those threats bas a been a source of dispute between the US and Israel, as well as Israel and Turkey.

The talks follow this week's visit of Turkish Defense Minister Turhan Tayan, who ends his threeday visit today. Yesterday, Tayan toured IDF bases in the North and

met with President Ezer Weizman and today he will meet with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

The meeting will come after the cabinet is scheduled to discuss the IDF's request for up to NIS 100 million to fund a program to provide gas masks and other equipment to defend against a chemical weapons attack. Israeli military sources said Syria is producing VX nerve gas that could be installed in Damascus's ballistic missiles.

Defense Ministry Director-General Ilan Biran said the ballistic missile race is a key subject in the US Israeli strategic dialogue.

In an interview with Air Force Magazine. Biran said the missile race has led Israel to try to speed up development of the Arrow antimissile defense system.

Biran said that the US has decided to increase its funding of the Arrow program from \$30m. to \$48m. over the next four years. He added that Israeli investment in Arrow would also increase, but would not elaborate. According to Biran, the US will

provide \$30m. in 1998 for the Nautilus laser anti-rocket project, meant to destroy short-range rockets and mortars by laser beam.

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were tickets ending in 55, 41, 73 and 68. Tickets ending in 02 and 34 was NIS 20, while those ending in 6 and 1 won NIS 10.

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The holiday that wasn't

wenty-five, maybe 30 years ago, May Day was marked hy marches, worker solidarity demonstrations. singing of the "Internationale," and a day off from work.

The Jerusalem P

Yesterday, it passed with hardly any notice. Hadash sponsored a couple of

demonstrations; the Histadrut held a symposium; some Histadrut workers and workers' committee members picnicked at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds. But, for the overwhelming hulk of the country, May Day was no more than the first day of May. Thursday. Payday. Twn days post-Mimouna. The ninth day in the counting of the Omer.

"May Day has not disappeared, it has just changed form, said Meretz MK Anai Maor, hopefully.

"May Day

disappeared because of the gap between the words of those who forced the holiday on penple, and their actions for the workers," said furmer Histadrut head Haim Ramon, matter-of-factly.

"May Day was never needed here. Why did we need a day of solidarity with Communist regimes?" said former Meretz MK Mordechai Virshuhski, can-

didle. Virshubski, now a Tel Aviv city councilor, remembers May Days when there were four-hour marches in Tel Aviv, when 90 percent of employees didn't go to work, when 90 percent of the pupils didn't go to school.

"I remember when the only paper that came out on May Day was the National Religious Party's Hazzofeh," he said.

How times have changed. "What do you expect?" Maor asked. "What basn't changed in the country over the last 25

Virshuhski doesn't miss the holiday, "We have more than enough holidays, or half days off, or days off after holidays. One less day like this is not lacking," he said.

Ramon, who as head of the Histadrut was once quoted as



Hundreds of people, many of them youngsters, march through the streets of Nazareth yesterday, en route to a May Day rally sponsored by Hadash.

saying May Day is "nnt a holi-day for me," also has oo nostal-gie feeling for the red flag, marches and closed work places.

There were days, maybe 40 years ago, when the day was a real holiday," Ramon said. "But from the mid-1960s, it was a day that was forced on the workers." A holiday the people don't want, he said, is destined to dis-

Ramon recommended moving the day marking workers' rights to Hanukka. Why Hanukka? Because, he said, of its connec-

tion to freedom.

Hadash

May Day and its message of ment's polities, against the setworkers' rights has not disap-peared but just takeo on a diftlements.

These types of May Day ralferent appearance, noted that lies are a major reason many the Histadrut held a sympo-Jews have lost their enthusiasm simm yesterday on a proposed for, or identification with, the basic law on workers' rights. holiday, said Baruch Kimmer-Meretz also held a workerling, a Hehrew University socirelated symposium, but the ologist. Kimmerling said that only party to organize any kind since the Communists in Israel of protest or demonstration was have always taken a hig part in these events, many Jews have Hadash's demoostrations

become less interested. were not restricted to issues But, he said, this is obviously such as shorter hours and more nnt the only reason for May pay, but also against the gov-Day's demise. The waning importance of the holiday, both ernmeot's handling of the Bar-Maor, struggling to show that On Affair, against the govern- in Israel and around the world,

has to do with the victory of capitalism, the decline of communism, the increase of individ-

Hadash's Tamar Gozansky also hlamed "30 years of occunation. Because of the occupation, all social issues have been pushed to the side."

The decline of May Day, she said, is a shame. "It is the only day that was common to everyone," she said, "Think of it; all the other holidays around the world are linked either to religious or oational dates. Only one day remains."

Wrong. Only one remained.

Cancer becoming leading killer here

Within a few years, cancer will overtake heart disease as the leading cause of death here, according to senior Tel Aviv University and Sheba Hospital epidemiologist Prof. Baruch Modan.

At the same time, lower smoking rates have begun to have an effect. Lung cancer has dropped to the second most prevalent cancer among men, after prostate cancer. Addressing the 13th conference of TAU's Center for Binlingical

Research into Cancer in Tiberias. Modan said that every year, some 15,000 new cases of cancers are diagnosed here. The numbers continue to rise gradually, just as the death toll from cardiovascular disease has been declining due to bet-

ter treatment and prevention. Modan noted that there have been some achievements in pre-

ventive medicine in recent years: "Restaurants have no-smoking areas, and even the most nervous airline passenger can't smoke in the airport when he passes customs. And public pressure has

only begun," he said. However, Israel is still way behind the US, he said, adding: "We still lack the 'shame over smoking' that is so tangible in the US. And we still see doctors and nurses smoking in hospitals, some

even at the patient's bedside." Modan, a former Health Ministry director-general, noted that while much has yet to be done in researching the connectinn between genetics and cancer, the amount of funds that the state dedicates to cancer research and prevention "is far from what is needed to meet the potential of the researchers. The time has come for

Local Brits quietly await election results

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

Anyone who went looking last night for groups of Brits gathered over beer mugs in pubs, cheering or jeering as their national election results rolled in on the BBC, would

disappointed.
"Election, what electioo?" joked one worker at the British Council offices in Tel Aviv, when asked

likely have been

were any events organized around the broadcast of election returns. Whether it was due to lack of suspense because of the predicted landslide by Labor, or simply charaeteristie English restraint, oo American-style expatriate electionnight extravaganzas were planned.

Though exact figures are unavailable, anecdotal evidence shows that relatively few British citizens living in Israel vote in the British national elections. This may be because the British system of overseas voting is a hit unwieldy. Those who wanted to take part in this election would have had to pick up a form at the embassy and sent it to their local district way back in October. On the form, they would to cast either a postal ballot for them or vote in person in their stead. And after 20 years of residence abroad, British citizens lose their right to vnte.

A British Embassy official said that of the estimated 30,000 British citizens living here, only a few thousand picked up the forms.

Many British eitizens here said they felt unaffected by the prospect of victory hy Tony Blair's Labor Party after 18 years of Conservative rule. Others said they felt caught up in election fever, albeit long-distance, particularly because they felt this campaign marked a turning point in the rela-

tionship between Britain's Labor Party and Israel.

"I've been watching television all day and I'll probably be up at the wee hours when the returns come

Jerusalem resideot Sharpe, who is hoping for a Labor victory. "I think that Tony Blair will be England's Bill Clinton in terms of a ehange of poli-

cy and a change of generation. "Traditionally, there has always been a sense that Labor would be bad for Israel and bad for the Jews, but that is really no longer true,' she said. "Many people I speak to in England are voting Labor, which wasn't the case back when I lived there. Jews tended to vote Conservative."

Simon Monk of Netanya, agreed that "for a loog time the Conservative Party has been far more pro-Israel than Labor. John Major removed the arms-buying embargo, Margaret Thatcher was favorable toward the Jews and Israel, there were several anti-Zionists in the Labor Party. Since Tony Blair has come to power you hear a lot more pro-Israel com-

ments and lot less anti-Zionism. "Tony Blair, has done a lot more to curry favor with [the] UK Jewish community than any Labor leader did in the past," he said.

The mood at the British Embassy and British Council offices was relatively quiet yesterday.

"It's pretty calm now, hut I think the excitement will grow,"
Ambassador David Manning said early in the day.

Since complete results will not be in until early in the morning, Manning chose to host staffers at his home to ponder the results over scrambled eggs this morning at his residence.

Massala: Hammer still pushing prize for Schnitzer

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

MK Adisu Massala (Lahor) yesterday accused Education Minister Levululi doing everythiog io his power to still give the Israel Prize in Journalism to controversial Ma'ariv journalist Shmuel Schnitzer.

The High Court of Justice last week ruled that the Israel Prize committee should recoosider whether Schnitzer should get the prize, in light of a journalistic ethies committee finding that Schnitzer had written a racist article about the Falash Mura in

"The repeated failed attempts hy the education minister and his advisers 10 get Shmuel Schnitzer to apologize for what he wrote, slandering the Ethiopian community, are being made simply to pave the way for the prize committee to find a way to still give him this prestigious prize," Massala said in a statement yes-

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Schnitzer, whom Massala said was personally close to the min-

Massala said that Schoitzer what he had writteo about the Falash Mura, and his claim that he had oot inteoded to hurt anyooe was ooly being made oow to get the prize.

Sehnitzer knows very well that his words severely hurt members of the community, and never retracted his racistremarks," he said.

Massala's lawyer, Eyal Rozovsky, yesterday asked the minister's adviser on the Israel Prize. Dr. Dov Goldberger, to allow him to appear before the prize committee when it discusses whether to award Schnitzer the prize. Massala said he was sure that once the enmmittee considers the situatioo, it will not award the prize to Schnitzer.

Hammer, meanwhile, accused Massala of using the Schnitzer issue for his own political gaio. Hammer stressed that an independent committee selects the winners and he does not interfere

Ex-refusenik's wife gets life for axing husband to death

By MARELYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Rita Gluzman, who once staged the Soviet Unioo, was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday for murdering him with an ax.

Yakov Gluzman, 48, a prominent Ukrainian-born cancer researcher, ooee with the Weizmann Institute of Science, was hacked to death in April 1996. His mutilated body parts were discovered in. eight garbage bags, after police stopped Vladimir Zelenin, Rita Gluzman's cousin, for what appeared to be littering. Zelenin later pleaded guilty in the

Rita Gluzman insisted throughout the court proecedings in White Plains, New York, that she was not guilty of murderiog her husband. Yakov Gluzman had planned to divorce her and to return to Israel to join a scientist with whom he was in love, according to yesterday's editions of The New

Gluzman had been a distinguished member of the have had to designate a proxy voter biology department at Moscow State University his wife, then pregnant with their son, Ilan, emigrated to Israel in 1970. She staged a bunger strike in front of the UN in 1971 and testified before the US Congress to help free her husband.

Gluzman was permitted to leave the Soviet Union in 1971, and worked at the Weizmann Institute before coming to the US in 1977. In 1981, he developed a cancer research method that has become standard practice in laboratories around the world.

For 25 years, she gradoally demolished him emotionally and in the 26th year she dismembered him physically," Gluzman's parents, Chaim and Sophia Gluzman, said in a letter sent to the court from Israel. "By her evil act, Rita has ruined the life of her son, whom she left fatherless, and marked him with the stigma of a mother convicted for mur-



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A misguided initiative

umors of the death of the peace process – Foreign Ministry officials notwithstand-Ling - are premature. Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak is trying to cohble together a summit, MK Yossi Beilin is shuttling around, and the US is contemplating its own package deal. In short, the usual jockeying that has always gone on is still going on, though now it is being called "saving the peace process."

It is fair to ask why Beilin is involved. Some of his Labor Party colleagues accuse him of simply trying to grab headlines before the party's June primaries. But the real problem with Beilin's effort is not that he is trying to further his party leadership campaign, but that Israel has only one government at a time, and competing foreign policies can only undermine Israel's negotiating position.

Beilin's initiative, however sincerely meant, is unfortunately not only a rogue initiative but a misguided one. His plan, which is quite similar to a reported US initiative, has five points: Both sides will refrain from any unilateral activity that "shall oppose the letter and spirit of the Oslo Agreements," - in other words, a settlement freeze (including "settlements" in Jerusalem); the first further redeployment will be implemented immediately and the second will be negotiated with the Palestinians; finalstatus talks will be accelerated; both sides will commit to preventing terror and violence, and they will pledge to renew joint efforts to combat

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat reportedly accepts the Beilin initiative. He has no reason not to. After all, the Beilin plan requires Israel to accept Palestinian demands that go beyond Oslo, while the Palestinians are allowed to keep open the gaping holes in their own compliance with the accords.

As someone who proudly claims to have launched the Oslo process, one might think Beilin would be more interested in seeing the subsequent agreements upheld. Beilin, better than most, knows that Oslo does not limit Israeli building in the territories, let alone in Jerusalem, and that any restriction to that effect represents a substantial expansion of Oslo. He further knows that the Palestinians are in violation of Oslo's limits on weaponry and police. requirements to transfer terrorist suspects, prohibitions on operations in Jerusalem, and other matters.

honor should be the first to demand full compliance of both sides before moving on. Instead, they are husy trying to rewrite the agreement in the Palestinians' favor, as if the problem was that the agreement was not demanding enough on Israel.

Ironically, Oslo's defenders are doing precisely what they accuse the Netanyanu government of doing - trying to squirm out of the aspects of Oslo that have become inconvenient.

The peace process cannot be "saved" by letting the Palestinians out of their side of the cargain, while tightening the reins on Israel. What Oslo's proponents should understand better than others is that the more existing agreements are seen to be binding only on Israel, the harder it will be for Israel to enter any future agreements.

The Oslo process was never meant to be an end in itself, but a trial run leading to a stable. final agreement. Oslo was supposed to build each side's confidence in the other's ability to make tough choices and abide by commitments. When Oslo becomes more binding on Israel while hanging limply around the Palesunians. it will not only fail in its task of confidence-building, but become actively confidence-sapping.

No one ever said Oslo was perfect or sacred. but it is an agreement. The only way to adjust it in midstream - without undermining the prospects for future agreements - is to balance the changes in favor of both sides.

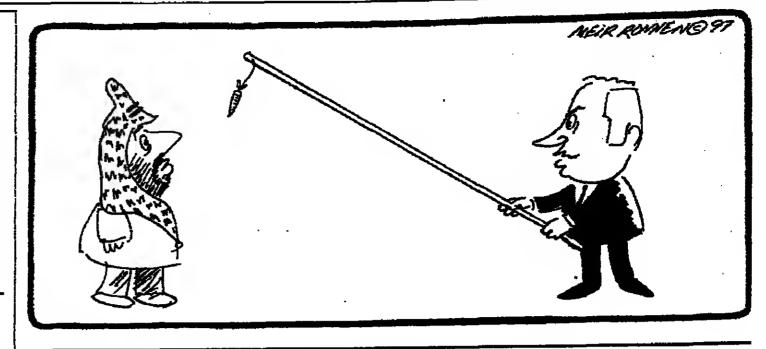
If the Palestinians are unwilling to move forward without adding a settlement freeze to Oslo, fine. What are they willing to give? What confidence-building measures are they proposing? Recommitting to previously made promises is certainly necessary - such as combating terror - but hardly sufficient.

The Netanyahu government seems to be attempting to resist the pressure to unilaterally add to its Oslo obligations by simply saying no. Instead, Netanyahu should be willing to take on new Israeli obligations, provided they are matched by changes to Oslo that are in Israel's

The implicit idea among many Oslo proponents, including the United States, that the Palestinians are the weaker party and therefore Israel must give unilaterally, will not wash. The reason is that in the final-status talks, both sides will have to give, and they have to start getting used to that idea now.

The Palestinians may be weak, but they are not going to get an unlimited Palestinian state. half of Jerusalem, all of the West Bank and Gaza, and the "right of return." On the other hand, Israel may be strong, but it is not going to free itself from controlling over 2 million Palestinians without allowing them more than

The whole point of the Oslo Agreements was to teach the parties how to compromise. By working with the Palestinians to extract unitaleral Israeli concessions, the United States and Oslo's defenders are teaching the Palestinians exactly the wrong lesson.



Getting back on track

hen the Bar-On Affair erupted, I kept silent. When everything was buzzing like a homet's nest, I did not express an opinion. I thought is better to allow the legal and justice systems to work quietly, without pressure or interference.

I hoped for the best. I hoped that the truth would emerge victorious. Apparently, however, so far neither has truth won, nor have heart and soul been visible.

I also did not join the wavering "agonizers." Public expressions of internal wrestling do not, in my opinion, turn us into people of high morals and conscience.

I also did not respond to the actions of some of the members of the left-wing opposition. They did not surprise me. Their support for political positions held by Israel's enemies during tough times goes back a long way.

And yet, one must ask whether everything happening in Israel is normal, whether it can go on like this. And what should the govemment be doing if it is to be able to go on functioning. The following steps should be taken regardless of what government is in power:

· An immediate change in the Direct Election Law should be effected. In the absence of systems of checks and balances, Israel has become a country controlled by one man. This is an intolerable situation, and it makes no difference who that one man is, or how talented he may be.

• In order to continue the peace process, which all of us want, and in order not to be pushed back to the Green Line, the government must finally make a decision about what Israel's goals are:

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What is vital to its security and very existence; what are its borders; and what its political and economic ties with Palestinians and with the Arab states are going to be.

This is no longer a question of changing an advisor here and there, of "repairing damage," of another committee for govern-

combating terrorism. Israel has excellent soldiers and officers. The government should give them clear orders and backing, rather than hiding behind their backs. They should be prevented from being involved in politics. They have outstanding experience, knowledge, and ability, but are not always allowed to act, often out of

We seem to have lost our way and need a radical shake-up to redefine our goals

mental appointments." It is an irrelevant considerations. existential issue.

· The government must clarify to itself and to others what must be done in the political process. The resumption of talks must be linked to the Palestinian Authority's acrual elimination – not mere sporadic arrests - of the terrorist infrastructure. The continuation of the process requires a correction of all breaches by the Palestinians. through amendments and adjustments to the agreement on the issues of holy places, security

zones, and water. And this must be done now. · The government must seriously combat terrorism. Talk of doing this is abundant, whereas deeds are scarce. Virtually all of us have become interpreters, commentators, "situation assessors," often apprehensive, protesting, warning, furrowing brows in an expression of careful deliberation and politi-

cal savvy. We want to be accepted

by friends and enemies alike. All of this is very detrimental to

- The government must consider aliva its foremost national objective. At least a million Jews remain in the former Soviet Union. There is an awakening about aliya in France, and growing interest in other countries.

While we are dragging our feet in taking advantage of this enormous potential, other countries and foreign industries are enlisting much of our brainpower.

We must invest in providing Jewish and Israel-related education in the former Soviet Union and in the West,

· While we are not doing enough to encourage aliya, the Palestinians have been implementing - in violation of the Oslo Accords - the "right of return." Thousands of Palestinians, the offspring of the 1948 refugees, have returned to Galilee. Some of them married Israelis and automatically became citizens. Nearly 10,000 Negev Beduin have married Palestinian women from Gaza

and the Hebron area, making them Israeli citizens. Tens of thousands of Palestinians have remmed from Jordan to Judea and Samaria, and this "aliya" continues full speed ahead. Yet nobody utters a word.

 And what about the illegal appropriation of land in the Negev, where we have already lost about 1.5 million dunams? What about the Palestinian penetration and appropriation of land on the Israeli side of the Green Line; and the illegal Palestinian political activity in Jerusalem?

All of these issues were raised countless times during cahinet meetings, yet there has been no response and no answer, only amazing weakness.

 While we are losing control of the Negev, the ministerial committee for the development of the Negev and Galilee has not yet been established. The committee should strengthen the development towns and create new settle-

Hundreds of millions of dollars in foreign investment, as well as thousands of jobs, will be lost as a result of not having implemented the decision to establish a freetrade zone in the Negev.

· We need to stop the collapse of Israeli agriculture.

· We must calm the commotion the conversion bill has caused among American Jewry.
All of these issues are important.

This government was elected to do great things, not all of which I mentioned here. The time bas come to be serious, to overcome the weakness which has befallen us. We bave a lot to do.

The writer is national infrastruc-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

CARNAGE ON OUR ROADS

Sir. - Channel 1's leading TV news item after Pessah was that there has been a 20 percent increase in road fatalities, in comparison to the same period last ear. This, despite the fact that the government is spending millions of shekels in a public relations campaign to reduce deaths and injuries on the roads.

The Israe! Center for Driver Research and Injury Prevention. together with METUNA, invites the public to an emergency meeting on Tuesday, May 6, at 8 p.m., 21 Beit Agron in Jeru-alem, at which time we will spell our a clear program on how the public can bring pressure to bear on the government to effectively enforce the paffic laws and adopt new standards of enforcement that will reduce road deaths and injuries.

The application of scientifically proven techniques can and has reduced road tragedies internationally and, in a prior program, for six months in Netania.

The Israel Center for Driver Research and injury Prevention has evaluated effective life-raying programs, such as the one in-Netanya, which could easily be applied to the rest of the coun-

The xooner that the public pressures for a change in enforcement policy, the sooner we will be abla to save precious lives on our roads.

ZVI WIENBERGER PROF. GERALD BEN DAVID

COMMEMORATION IN LITHUANIA

Sir. - In a quarter-page advertise-ment on April 11, the World Zionist Organization invites "ail who feel a close affinity to our Jewish past and our spintual heritage" to participate at Succet in their conference in Lithuania, where over 220,000 of our Lithuanian Jewish mothers. fathers, brothers and sisters were brutally murdered by the Nazis. with the full and total cooperation and participation of the people of Minu, Koyno and the other places mentioned in the ad.

It is surprising that instead of commemorating the 200th anniversary of the passing of Rabbi Elijah of Vilna in Jerusalem, "the World Zionist Organization, the Chief Rabbis of Strael, ministers, and members of Khevset" will commemorate it in the shadow of the death camps and the mass graves.

It would seem that in order to item about our lewish past and our spiritual heritage, the participunts should have been brought to Janusalam instead, to spend several always-to-be-remembered days. of study with the great Jewish cholars here, the true perpetuatom of the spiritual heritage of Robbi Eitiah of Vilna.

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Many people whom we don't know as well as veterar vacrors. ers have called up to affirm their repugnance for this discriming. tion. It is too simplified that there there is the IDF and then there is the air force. An examination of the facts

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Scandals are not the issue

isrceli poliues in general, and the to be the leading candidate for prime minister has earned him the title of "the Teflon General," and is also a sign of the weakness of his opponents.

And even if, as seems likely, he becomes party head next month, it could still take him years to move from head of the opposition in the Knesset to national leader. It took Netanyahu four years of hard petent decision-making process, and here the Labor candidates

THIS means that if Netanyahu is going to be replaced, it would have to be from inside his own party or coalition. Within the Likud, only Finance Minister Dan Meridor, Meridor, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, National

When it comes to dealing with terrorism, security and the status of Jerusalem, there is no credible opposition to the PM

work, and, barring national disasters. Barok is unlikely to succeed in a much shorter period.

More importantly, Barak and the other the randidates from the Labor Party are associated with the Oslo process and its failures. Less than one year ago. Netanyahu was elected precisely as a result of the wave of suicide combines and the clear lack of action on the part of the Palestmian leadership in reventing continued terrorism. Far from being an electoral advantage, the reuse process was viewed in a negative light by enough Israelis to swing the results of the election.

Since then, the policies of Taxor Artifal and the Palestinian leadership have not changed. Neturnable may have many faults, tuile scredited with being tough when it comes to the issues of terrensm. Security and on Jerusalem. The imponunce of these issues overabeling the fallout from the Bar-On After deal and the incomInfrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and MK Ze'ev Begin are even close to being prime-minis-terial material (and perhaps, one day, Communications Minister

Limor Livnat). Meridor has never taken the risks of a political challenge, and is perceived as an elitist and part of the secular Ashkenazi establishment Although Begin is straight as an arrow, his ideologi-cal inflexibility leaves him farfrom the political center, where elections are won. The only way anti-politicians like Meridor or Begin are likely to take the top job is if, like Golda Meir and Yitzhak Shamir, they inherit it for a period before having to go to elections. But this path is closed by the fact that the prime minister is now directly elected.

Mordechai has broader appeal, but has only been in politics for a short period, and is far more inexperienced than Netanyahu. As defense minister, he has been able

to avoid taking clear positions on divisive issues. Once in a leadership position, where he would be forced to take sharp decisions, the enthusiasm for Mordechai would fade among at least the more ideological right-wing voters. As for Sharon, his appeal is limited to a small vocal group of ideologues, and he is fatally tainted by the Lebanon dehacle.

Among other coalition partners, Foreign Minister David Levy is a perpetual candidate, and his credible job as foreign minister the second time around has enhanced his image. However, his base in the Gesher Party is limited to voters with North African roots. Conversely, Industry and Trade

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Minister Natan Sharansky has broadened his political base far beyond the Russian immigrants. His policies and rational approach to the critical issues appeal to moderates on the security issue and across the religious/secular divide. The modest Sharansky, who is one of the few politicians who is both intelligent and not obsessed with seeking more power (Begin is another), may yet become a credible candidate for prime minister in a centrist party. . This seasoning process will also take a few years. Under current conditions, he is unlikely to challenge Netanyahu.

The bottom line is that however poorly Netanyahu may perform in other areas of government, as long as he is perceived as successful in dealing with security and terror, he is likely to complete this term and face the voters again in 1999.

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ZIONIST-NATIONALIST VIEWPOINT

Sin. - There is a plethora of left- be set up for all English speakers. English-speakers in Israel - but those having a Zionist nationalist viewpoint are ment in Yesha and the Golanvirtually unrepresented and cer-

tain) unorganized. In order to remedy this situation i feel that an organization should da.

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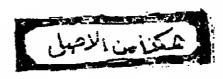
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THE ENGLISH town of Brackley. was treated to roast chicken - thanks to militant animal-rights activists.

The extremist Animal Liberation Front set fire to seven trucks loaded with frozen chickens outside a chicken wholesaler.

Several ALF activists have been jailed in recent years for planning or carrying out arson attacks on businesses trading in meat. Police have described the ALF as Britain's second most serious terrorist threat after militant frish republican groups.



Five points for peace

There is one simple, iron law in the Middle East: When there is progress in peace negotiations, the forces of moderation and stability have the upper hand. During deadlocks and stagnation, the radical forces who resort to terror and violence gain the advantage.

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If we look back at the last 26 years, this law has always had its unfailing impact on reality. In February 1971, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat made two alternative proposals to move towards peace. When his initiatives were rejected, the Egyptians complained to Henry Kissinger, who responded: "You have to resbuffle your cards." So Sadat did, and the out-

come was the Yom Kippur War. After this war, the peace process started and the forces of stability and moderation strengthened. Prime minister Menachem Begin understood this iron law of Middle East politics and launched the Camp David process and achieved peace with Egypt. In 1987, when Shimon Peres and I negotiated the London Agreement with Jordan's King Hussein there was hope, but when this was rejected by then-prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, despair among the Palestinians led to the outbreak of the mtifada.

I understood then, as I understand today, that politics is a combination of reality and the reflection of reality, as expressed by the spoken and written word, which creates an atmosphere of hope or despair. An atmosphere of hope strengthens those people, forces and processes that work for peace and stability, while an atmosphere of despair causes destabilization and often violence and terror. It is within the power of political leadership to create hope and thus promote

I thus started the Oslo process in January 1993. The Oslo Accords have served Israel tremendously: We made peace with Jordan, we went to Casablanca, Amman and Cairo, ended the Arab boycott, created a relationship of cooperation and negotiation with 13 Arab states, and we spurred an enormous economic boom here, during which our national per capita income rose by over 50% (from \$11,000

t first, the story was that

US Secretary of State

asked Foreign Minister David tions with its Arab neighbors:

Madeleine Albright had

scheduled for today because she

wanted to extend her visit in

Moscow. Then it was reported

that the original announcement

was incorrect, and that the meet-

ing was always intended to be

Even if the latter is true, the

former symbolizes an important

development: The Americans are

growing impatient with the Arab-

Israeli peace process and are

increasingly inclined to focus on

other, more important problems.

Whether American indifference

is a source of comfort or concern

depends on one's view of the

process and the American role in

There are many Israelis, including not a few in the present

government, who have always

looked at the peace process as a

mechanism by which the US

drags Israel, kicking and scream-

ing, down a one-way street of

From their perspective,

every discussion about bow to

revive the process is annther

potential opportunity for

Washington to twist Israeli

arms a little more, and they

can only welcome any sign

that the Americans are losing

The other view is that the peace

process is something that Israel should pursue for reasons of its

own vital national interests, but

that US involvement is a neces-

sary supplement to Israeli

The historical record seems to

confirm the latter interpretation.

There bave been three major preakthroughs in Israel's rela-

interest in this exercise.

"give and give."

held in mid-May.

YOSSI BEILIN

dreds of millions of dollars in foreign investment bere. The world was coming to us. Jewish communities abroad saw Israel again as the cultural, moral and economic center of the Jewish people. Our security improved tremendously because we made the entire world our friends and supporters.

True, hope did not completely

Stagnation and despair are not a historical Imperative

destroy the forces of evil and radicalism. Acts of terror caused much suffering and destruction, although the Oslo process we developed brought about growing cooperation between our security forces and those of the Palestinians.

UNDER Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahn's leadership, hope came tn an end and has been replaced by despair. The present stagnation in the peace process and the evident deadlock in negotiations is, for me, terribly and frighteningly familiar.

I have therefore proposed a five-point plan to overcome the present deadlock. The five points

1. Both sides, Israeli and Palestinian, will refrain from any unilateral activity that oppose the letter and the spirit of the Oslo 2. Both sides will commit them-

selves to take all possible actions to prevent terror and violence. 3. The first stage of further redeployment will be implemented immediately, parallel to an agreement to be reached between the two sides on the extension of the second stage of further redeployment, which will be carried out by September 7, 1997, should no final-status agreement be

reached by that date. 4. The final-status negotiations will start immediately and will be carried out at an accelerated pace, aiming to reach their conclusion within several months.

5. Full security cooperation will be renewed immediately. If Prime Minister Netanyahu

American patience

MARK A. HELLER

Levy to postpone their meeting with Egypt in 1977, with the hard to find, on both sides, and

Palestinians in 1993, and with

Jordan in 1994. All three were

the result, not of American pres-

sure, but of direct initiatives by

But although it was Israelis and

Arabs who decided that the

peace process served their best interests, problems inevitably

arose when the time came to

translate this conceptual break-

It's likely to wear

thin if we don't

break the deadlock

in the peace

process

through into workable arrange-

ments on the ground, and US

involvement was indispensable

at critical moments of deadlock -

like the present moment in the

Israeli-Palestinian relationship.

IN THE past, the US was pre-

pared to invest its time, atten-

tion, effort, and political and

material capital, because the

peace process was not just a

humanitarian enterprise, but

also a central component of its

global strategy. But Cold War

considerations bave lnng since

ceased to play a major role in

US foreign policy, and the

American commitment to what

bas become social work for

Arabs and Israelis is now sustainable only if there is clear

evidence that the parties them-

selves view negotiating prob-lems as obstacles to be over-

the parties themselves.

of a national leader, he will accept this initiative and ask to convene a summit on the basis of these five points.

If he wants to show he has the makings of a good politician, he will publicly reject the initiative but secretly hold negotiations based on it while slightly changing its details and adding one or two other items, such as the improvement of economic conditions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In fact, I have made it easy for bim to accept, either publicly or secretly, my five-point proposal of bope, as I have built a structure through which negotiations can be implemented in various ways. He can decide to make very substantial offers related to point three and ask for certain reservations on point one, or vice versa whatever seems politically more appropriate to him.

I bave also given hope and a tool for diplomatic action to the government of the United States and to Egypt's government. In particular, President Bill Clinton can now demonstrate his leadership and encourage Netanyahn to move towards serious negotiations based on my proposal.

Netanyahu, bowever, can also choose to reject this initiative. In this case, it is important that the public understand that stagnation and despair are not a bistorical

Finally, and most important, is the impact my five-point initiative has on the unity of Jerusalem. The public is learning to understand more and more that the unity of Jerusalem can be best preserved by promoting the peace process, avoiding confrontation over Jerusalem and seeking consensus solutions that will lead, in finalstatus negotiations, to Palestinian recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's eternal capital.

The policy of confrontation over Jerusalem, as pursued by the prime minister and Mayor Ehud Olmert when they opened the Western Wall Tunnel exit, which caused the death of over 75 people, does not unite Jerusalem, but reinforces despair, conflict and violence.

The wisdom of political leadership is needed. We only have to grasp at the existing opportunities.

The writer is a Labor MK.

come rather than as excuses to

abandon their own commit-

That evidence is increasingly

without it, the American search

for a formula to break the current

deadlock may well run ont of

That would not be such a ter-

rible thing if a comatose peace

process could turn into some

kind of stable modus vivendi.

But the more likely ontcome is

greater tension and violence on

the ground, a further deteriora-

tion in Israel's relations with

the rest of the Arab world, and

growing international isolation.

serious problems with Oslo.

No one denies that there are

Bnt if Binyamin Netanyahn

bas a better idea, he has kept it

to himself as much since the

elections as be did before. The

only difference is that candidate

Netanyahu talked about "secure

peace," and Prime Minister

Netanyahn talks about "build-

ing Jerusalem." Both are good

slogans; neither is a real vision,

much less a policy that can

If there is such a vision, now is

the time to articulate it, to restore

some sense of confidence that

the peace process has a future,

and to give the Americans some-

thing to work with.

Otherwise, there is a serious

risk, not that Madeleine Albright

will threaten David Levy with all

kinds of nnilateral American

actions, but that she will simply

sing him the words of that old

song, "You're gonna miss me

The writer is senior research

associate of the Jaffee Center for

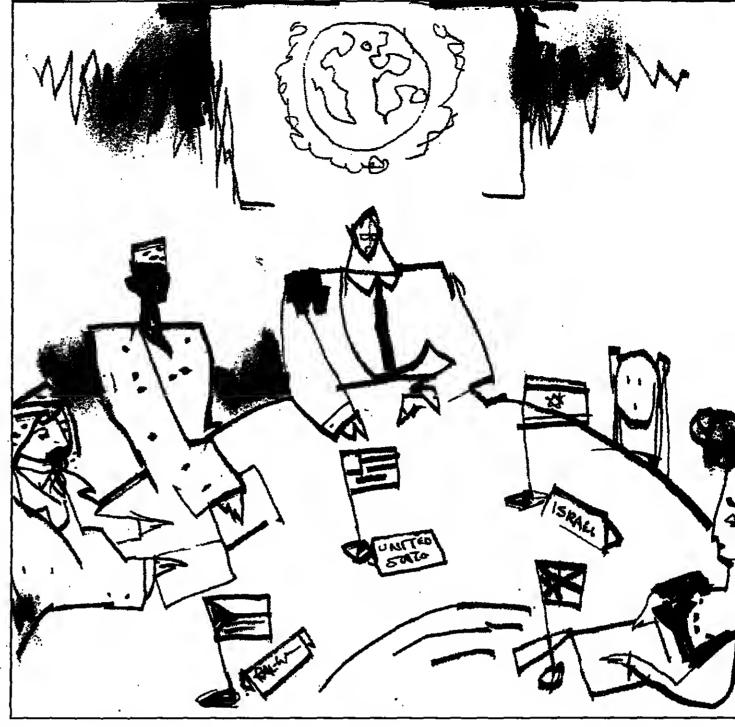
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A failure in foreign affairs

Thile last week's anti-Israel vote at the United Nations may not have come as a surprise to some, it certainly served to demonstrate just bow much Israel's international popularity has waned during the past year.

True, international support for Israel tends to be fickle but it has rarely reached the low point that we witnessed this past week, with only two other countries, the United States and Micronesia, voting against the Arab-sponsored motion condemning Israel for its settlement policies in Jerusalem.

Given the fact that Israel's international popularity in the wake of the Oslo Accords had reached an all-time high, the rec grace is even more disturbing.

In the space of one short year, the policies of the Netanyahu administration have succeeded in alienating Israel in the international arena to an extent rarely experienced in the past.

While we should not overesti-mate the importance of the UN, neither should we disregard its growing influence in world affairs.

The UN approved the UNSCOP partitions resolution in 1947 which gave birth to the State of Israel, yet in the 1970s it passed the resolution equating Zionism with racism. The increase in the number of sovereign states which are members of the UN makes it unlikely that a resolution approving the establishment of a Jewish state would be adopted today, just as it is equally likely that, when called upon to do so, there will be instant recognition for the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But we should not lay all the blame for recent diplomatic failures at the doors of other countries.

DAVID NEWMAN

It is particularly alarming that in these critical days, Israel remains without an ambassador to the UN. Foreign Minister David Levy and Netanyahu are unable to agree upon a candidate for this important post, and while they continue to play their own internal political games of one-upmanship, it is left to the temporary head of the Israeli delegation, David Peleg - a capable diplomat in an impossible

IT IS therefore particularly surprising that Netanyahu, wbose own political rise to stardom was first recognized during the period in which he very capably filled the role of ambassador to the UN, is prepared to neglect this most important of diplomatic posts. He, more than any other Israeli leader, should be aware of the importance attached not simply to the vote, but to the world stage which is

More than anyone else, Netanyahu should appreciate the importance of an ambassador to the UN

situation - to use whatever limited influence he may bave in an attempt to thwart the international assault on Israel.

Representing Israel at the UN requires unique diplomatic skills, as well as a thorough understanding of the complexities of world affairs. Whatever one feels about his politics, Israel's first ambassador to the UN, Abba Eban, has never been

equalled in orasorical or diplomatic skills. His was an act which has proved impossible to follow. Other prominent ambassadors have included Chaim Herzog, who went on to become Israel's

president, and Netanyahu himself. It is perhaps not surprising that the UN ambassadors who have made the biggest impact have been those whose command of the English language is second to none. English remains the international language of diplomacy, the language understood by more world audiences than any other.

open to the UN ambassador, and which offers countless opportunities for pressing bome a point to a global audience.

Partisan political intervention in the appointment of key diplomatic posts, regardless of the candidate's qualifications, is one of many absurdities in the way the government conducts its affairs. The issue of representing Israel abroad should not be dependent on the party-political loyalties displayed by the incumbent. Nor should the major posts be subject to change every time a new government takes office.

Not only does a diplnmanc post require an ability to communicate in the language of the host nation; it needs someone to represent the State of Israel rather than any particular party line.

Some of Foreign Minister Levy's recent political appointments, to such important posts as ambassador to the UK and consul general in New York, leave a lot to be desired. Levy's appointments may have impeccable political credentials, but they are clearly unsuitable for the jobs in question. In the wake of the Bar-On

setting up of a committee, headed by Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sbaransky, to draw up the necessary criteria for making sensitive public appointments. The idea is to take the decisions

Affair, Netanyahu announced the

out of the hands of the politicians and to ensure that only the best and the most qualified are appointed to such posts.

The same criteria should equally apply to senior diplomatic post-

ings.

In the absence of an appointment to the UN – a major foreign-policy failure - those ministers responsible for this disgraceful set of affairs should be brought to task. It is yet another indication of the failure of the government to manage its affairs in a proper and efficient manner.

The appointment of ambassadors should be removed from the hands of the politicians and returned to the professional diplomats. It would be but a first step in the rejuvenation of Israel's image

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Mayor Susan Thompson, along with city and province flood officials, are confident the 40-km dike southwest of the city will hold and that no residents will have to leave.

Status Quo's Rick Parfitt has heart surgery

LONDON (Reuter) - Rick Parfitt of veteran British rock band Status Quo was recovering after undergoing an emergency quadruple heart bypass operation. The 48-year-old guitarist was being treated at London's Wellington Hospital after the four-hour operation.

Communists, rightists mark May Day

LONDON (Reuter) - From waves of nostalgia for the Soviet past in Ukraine to violent outbursts by political extremists in northern Germany and ancient fertility dances in rural England, May Day celebrations took many forms.

Some 500 left-wing demonstrators marched through the city centre of Bucharest, the Romanian capital, demanding free health care, an end to unemployment and the scrapping of recent price rises.

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of

KURT BUCHSBAUM

The funeral will take place today, Friday, May 2, 1997, departing from the members' Mo'adon at 2 p.m.

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Grief-stricken, we announce the sudden death of

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The funeral will take place in Shiloh, Samaria, today, May 2, 1997, at 10 a.m.

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On the seventh anniversary of the tragic death of our beloved

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who fell in the line of duty,

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JACOB BRIN n''y

and extends its condolences to the family.

We deeply mourn the death of

JACK BRIN

a dear man, deeply cherished

The Jerusalem Report Family

Britain changed during 18 years of Tory rule

News agencie

LONDON - From oil workers in northern Scotland to fishermen in southern England, millions of Britons turned out for yesterday's fateful national election that the opposition Labor Party entered with a commanding lead in opinion polls.

ion polls.

The election was seen as the possible end to 18 years of Conservative government. If proved correct this would give Britain its youngest prime minister of the 20th century, 43-year-old Tony Blair. Prime Minister John Major, 54, still hoped for a second term.

Across Britain, security was tight following a series of bomb hoaxes and small explosions by the IRA aimed at disrupting the 7-week campaign.

7-week campaign.
Police scoured the country's
45,000 polling centers before
voting started at 7 a.m. Voters
had their bags searched.

During the Tories' 18 years, Britain was a nation in the throes of change. Margaret Thatcher, prime min-

ister from 1979 to 1990, talked of "rolling back the frontiers of the state."

Conservative governments sold British Steel, British Airways, the telephone system, the water, the telephone system, the water, the state and are companies the

electric and gas companies, the coal mines, the railroads — a \$100 billion sale that put more than four dozen businesses in private bands. Major's government pledged to sell the London subway system.

ay system. Conservative governments increased power at the center. most dramatically in London, where Thatcher abolished the Labor-controlled Greater London Council.

Thatcher crushed the power of labor unions. She forced secret pre-strike ballots, outlawed mass picketing and sympathy strikes, and made unions liable to be sued by employers. In 1984-85, she won a key confrontation, breaking a 51-week strike, the longest and most violent in British history, by the National Union of Mineworkers.

The rich have gotten substantially richer, and the poor are still

The rich have gotten substantially richer, and the poor are still poor, according to the independent Institute of Fiscal Studies. Between 1979 and 1994 the wealthiest 10 percent of Britons enjoyed a 60 percent increase in net income; middle incomes grew by about one-third, and the poorest 10 percent were just one percent better off.

Since the Conservatives won their second election in 1983 against a Labor party that had lurched far to the left, the main opposition party has shifted back to the center.

Blair, beading what he calls New Labor, has embraced Tory policies on privatization and curbing union power, and expressed admiration for Thatcher. The reshaping of Labor and blurring of divisions between the two big British parties is, some analysts argue, the most significant legacy of the Thatcher

To Mina, Ariella and family

US Ambassador to the United Nations Bill Richardson greets Zairians on the streets of Kinshasa yesterday. Richardson has helped arrange talks between Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko and rebel leader I surget Kabila

Rebels advance amid start of Zaire talks

KINSHASA (Reuter) - President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire and rebel leader Laurent Kabila prepared yesterday for face-to-face talks at sea with South Africa's Nelson Mandela amid confusion over the timing of

Mobutu's camp said the talks would focus on a peaceful transition with elections open to all, Kabila's camp insisted that the veteran strongman must stand down after

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He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are

with you during this difficult time.

more than three decades in power.

But as the civil war rivals and mediators variously announced that the talks would start today, tomorrow and Sunday, the rebel advance on the capital Kinshasa continued.

on the capital Kinshasa continued.

"The talks will just be about Mobutu and what we do with him. Our uncompromising demand is that he leaves power and we shall look after him," Kabila said before leaving his Lubumbashi headquarters for

talks in neighboring countries.

'There can be no ceasefire or indeed elections in this country until Mobutu and all he represents is

removed and thrown away," Kabila added.

There was no indication Mobutu, who seized power in 1965 but is sick with cancer, was ready to step down—although rebel "foreign minister" Bizima Karaha said the veteran president had agreed to discuss his

departure.
"We are happy that Mobutu has agreed to come and negotiate one and only one thing: his departure from power," Karaha said.

US envoy Bill Richardson, who helped persuade Mobutu and Kabila to meet, told reporters in Kinshasa there were no preconditions for the talks.

Mandela said through a spokesman that he would chair the face-to-face talks today aboard a South African naval vessel in international waters off the coast of West Africa.

Mobutu's son Nzanga said the talks had been postponed until tomorrow, Karaha said Kabila could only attend on Sunday.

"I think following that meeting there will be other negotiations that will bring I hope a peaceful transition that will lead to elections," Nzanga Mobutu told BBC radio.

Kabila's rebels, who took up arms in October, say they expect to take the capital over the next 10 to 15 days. They now control over a half of the sprawling Central African nation — including all its main cities outside the capital.

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved

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The funeral will take place today, Friday, May 2, 1997 at the Savyon Cemetery, at 3 p.m.

His wife, Mina Brin

His daughter and son-in-law, Ariela and Danny Benyamini His grandchildren, Micky and Yonathan Benyamini

Please refrain from condolence visits.

To Mina, Ariella, Danny and the children

Joining you in your hour of sorrow and grief upon the death of our dear friend

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Bar-On Affair: Not a closed case

mmediately after the dramatic press conference on April 20, when Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel presented their decisions on the Bar-On Affair, Prime Minister Netanyahu addressed the nation and said the lessons of the affair were learned, and the . whole matter is now behind

Wishful thinking.

Just as the affair itself spawned a relative cottage industry of sub-affairs and mini-scandals, so too bave the results of the investigation engendered any number of political and legal maneuvers that are keeping the issue very public eye. Just as the affair thrust relatively unknown personalities onto the center stage, such as Roni Bar-On himself and Netanyahu lawyer Yitzhak Weinroth, so too is the fallout from the attorneygeneral's decision making temporary celebrities out of people like obscure Shas MK Yitzhak Cohen.

The most significant move to challenge the decision not to indict Netanyahu or Justice Minister Tzhai Haneghi will come in 12 days. At that time a five-judge High Court of Justice panel - comprised of Shlomo Levin, Eliezer Goldberg, Theodor Or, Yitzhak Eliezer Zamir and Dalia Dorner - is scheduled to hear five petitions on the matter. Aharon Barak. the president of the court, has disqualified himself from the panel because he was one of some 60 people questioned hy

the police about the affair. Three separate petitions, one filed by Lahor MKs Yossi Beilin and Yona Yahav, another by Lahor MK Ophir Pines, and a third by Meretz MK Yossi Sarid, are all calling on the court to force an indictment of all the "heroes" in the story. including Netanyahu, Haneghi, Deri and Avigdor Lieherman, director-general of the Prime

There are six petitions to the High Court and pressure for a commission of inquiry. Herb Keinon looks at whether any of these steps will make a difference

Minister's Office. A fourth petition, filed by the Movement for Quality Government, is calling for Hanegbi to be removed from office; while a fifth, filed by Jerusalem lawyer Yedid Ron-El and school principal Ami Katz, is calling on the court to order a State commission of inquiry into the wbole Bar-On Affair. Much bas been written and broadcast over the last 12 days about the likelihood of the

public interest," Keshet pointed out, Rubinstein's decisions are based on a lack of evidence. Another reason the court is unlikely to overturn the attorney-general, said Bar-Ilan University political science professor Giora Goldberg, is court accepting the petitions to because the court - despite its

responsible for the bank-share

scandal of the early 1980s, or

National Religious Party MK

Avner Sbaki. But while these

cases were closed by the attor-

ney-general because of "lack of

"What may have great weight with the court is the minority opinion of three senior members in the attorney general's office who recommended indicting all four key players in the affair."

indict Netanyahu and Haneghi, with the prevailing opinion that the court is unlikely to do so. For the court to reverse Ruhinstein's decision, it would have to find that it was "unreasonable" for him not to indict the three others, something unlikely, said Jasmin Keshet, legal adviser for the Movement for Quality Government, considering the detailed report written by the attorney-general and the state attorney on the matter.

There are precedents when the court has criticized a decision not to indict, most notably the decision not to indict those reputation for activism - "recognizes its boundaries."

"The justices are wise," Goldberg said. They realize the kind of pressure a decision like that would mean." He said the strength of the court derives from its legitimacy in the eyes of the public. A decision on this matter would erode its standing in the eyes of many, Goldberg said, something the court has an interest in avoiding.

WHILE THE court has overturned an attorney-general's decision not to indict, a decision by the court forcing the ouster of a minister who has not

been charged with a criminal offense is unprecedented. And this is exactly what the Movement for Quality Quality Government is trying to get the court to do, by petitioning it to remove Hanegbi from the

Justice Ministry.

The court barred Aryeb Deri and Raphael Pinhasi from holding ministry positions, but that was only after they, were; indicted.

Keshet, the movement's legal her movement is not petition is saying that as a result of what is in the report, Hanegbi is no longer fit to serve

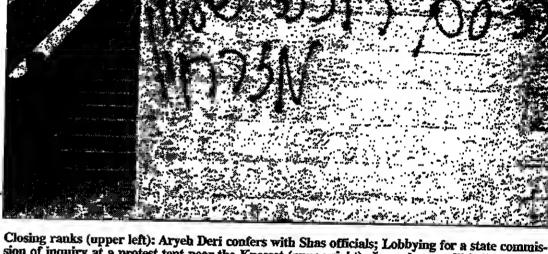
The reason why a similar petition bas not been filed against Netanyabn, Keshet said, is because he was elected, not appointed, and the will of the people cannot be so easily overturned. The same cannot be said of a man who was appointed to

players in the affair. This opin-

Hofnung said that the petition calling for the appointment of a state commission of inquiry had no chance at all of succeeding. "The court has never become involved in commissions of

adviser, said that unlike the MKs from the opposition filing for an indictment against Hanegbi and Netanyahu, and who are in effect challenging the attorney-general's report, with the findings. Rather, this atop the country's legal pyra-

Menahem Hofnung, a Hehrew University political science lecturer whose specialty is constitutional politics, is not among those who feel that the petitions to indict are without any chance of success, though he too agrees that the chances are slim. But what may have great weight with the court, he said, is the minority opinion of three senior members in the Attorney-General's Office who recommended indicting all four key ion, Hofnung said, could he "very, very significant" to the



sion of inquiry at a protest tent near the Knesset (upper right); Jerusalem graffiti: 'The people (Brian Hendler; Isaac Harari; Brian Hendler)

was not because it lacked the opportunity. State commissions of inquiry, such as the two Sbamgar commissions - the first that investigated the massacre at the Machpela Cave, and the other that investigated the Rahin assassination - are generally appointed by the government.

There are times, such as the circumstances surrounding the appointment of the Bejski Committee that investigated the hank-shares scandal, when the Knesset's State Comptroller's committee can set up such a commission of inquiry, but only after a report has been submitted by the comptroller. This is a lengthy process, and a rare one.

ANOTHER WAY to bring about a commission of inquiry is public pressure - the method used successfully to force appointment of the Kahan Commission that investigated the Sabra and Shatilla massacres in 1982, and the Agranat Commission that investigated the military and intelligence lack of preparedness for the Yom Kippur War. A similar drive is under way now.

Michael Dak, spokesman for the public committee organizing the drive to appoint a commission of inquiry into the Bar-On Affair, said that just because the attorney-general found insuffi-

Netanyahu, does not mean that the prime minister should he let off the hook. "The matter is not over," he said. Dak, who said nearly 60,000

people have signed the petition calling for establishment of the commission of inquiry, does not view such a commission as a criticism of the attorney-general. "The attorney general investigated whether there was enough evidence to indict," he said, "a commission of inquiry can look into the moral and ethical aspects of the case." That Netanyahu was not indicted, Dak said, does not mean that the "stench from the affair has gone away." Bar-Ilan University political scientist Goldherg doesn't think this method of setting up a commission of inquiry has much more chance of succeeding than does

the conrt method. "You don't have the same public pressure that you had with Sahra and Shatilla," he said. "This [Bar-On] has been investigated for three months. People know, more or less, what happened. The same was not true of Sabra and Shatilla. Then people really didn't know what happened."

IF, INDEED, the petition for the commission of inquiry fails, it will not be the first such petition to fall by the wayside as a

inquiry," he said, adding that cient evidence to indict result of the Bar-On Affair. The unparalleled move by Sbas to get MKs to sign a petition calling on the attorney-general to reconsider his decision to indict Deri was withdrawn before

anyone actually signed. The reason, Shas officially said, was that Deri wants to wait and see bow the High Court rules on the affair before employing such a tactic. The real reason, opined the Hehrew University's Hofnung, was because the petition, initiated and loudly trumpeted hy Shas MK Yitzhak Coben, did not generate enough

support. Hofnung, criticizing the initia-tive, said that its equivalent would be "judges signing a petition calling on the Knessel to act on a specific matter. Does that sound reasonable to you?"

Finance Minister Dan Meridor had even harsher words for the aborted initiative. "I don't think it is seemly for Knesset members to be involved in this," he told Israel Radio. "I think it will only cause a greater lack of the public's faith that the attorney-general makes decisions without pressure from politicians. If people, after everything that has happened [in the Bar-On Affair]. continue along the same path and politicians are trying to influence who is hrought to court, then they haven't learned any-





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The soft-odvertised responsibility to rev. straightforward skenticism in this area of through all the shocking details The government's failure to appoint an ambassador. to the UN has left David Peleg manning the post. Marilyn Henry looks at how he has fared in what has been a brutal year for Israel at the UN

ince the day he took over. the question has been: Who will replace him? David Peleg is the chargé d'af-

faires at the Israeli Missioo to the UN. A career diplomat sioce 1965, Peleg bas been standing in as ambassador since Gad Ya'acobi resigned a year ago which gives Peleg the oxymoronic title of "acting permaoeot representative" to the UN.

There have been occasional bursts of speculatioo about who will succeed Ya'acobi, but Peleg's name is not oo Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's shortlist Instead, the usual candidates floated - before Netanyahu's Bar-Oo Affair woes appeared to delay the process further - were Zalman Shoval, Yossi Olmert and David Bar-

Meanwhile, Peleg is bolding down the fort in what bas been a brutal year at the UN - one that is reminisceot of Israel's pariah days at the international organization. He has withstood dozeos of speecbes at the UN challenging Israel's opening of the second entrance to the Hasmooean tunnel, the demolition of a youth center in the Moslem Quarter, and possible construction at Ras el-Amud.

And with the UN's weeks-long uproar over Israel's decision to build on Har Homa, it seemed that Peleg might claim the endurance record for "most sessions attended of Israel-hashing in a variety of languages in a single month." Within a two-week period in March, he bad presented Israel's case in two Security Council debates and one General Assembly session oo Har Homa.

unscathed in the couocil, thanks to two American vetoes of harsh

That was not the case in the General Assembly, where an emergency special session - the first since 1982 - voted on April 25 to condemn Israel for the Har Homa ouilding project and demanded an immediate halt to there. "One of his assistants

the construction of the "new settlement in Jebel Abu Ghneim.' 'It has not been easy here," said Deputy US Ambassador to the UN Edward Gnehm. "Many people. like myself, were enjoying a new atmosphere or mood

toward Israel up until last year... "At just about the time that Ambassador Gad Ya'acobi left, things did chaoge in the way some delegations dealt with the Israeli Mission," he said, with an oblique reference to Netanyahu's victory in the election. "It was a much more difficult environment for the Israeli Mission to operate in and David has done it very well.

Ya'acobi, who left the Israeli

"I'm not going to be a prophet of doom. We don't feel at all besleged."

Mission for the Israel Electric Corporatioo last April 30, was at the helm during the Rabin years. when dozens of nations rushed to embrace Israel after the signing of the Oslo accords. Peleg was the caretaker during the transitioo from the Labor gov-. ernment to the Likud, where there was - at best - skepticism about the new Netanyahu govemmeot's commitment to the accords. Fierce hostilities in Lebanon only heightened the tension.

Peleg's year has been bracketed by destruction and building, Israel emerged relatively by Kafr Kana and Har Homa. On April 18, 1996, the Israeli UN delegation, along with former cabinet minister Yossi Beilin, was at a breakfast briefiog for diplomats. The dry issue of the day was public administration.

Kofi Annan - now the secretary general, but theo in charge of UN peacekeeping - was also

came to him, pale, with a piece of paper, that we still keep, saying that this [iocident] had happened," Peleg recalled.

More than 100 refugees died in the Israeli shelling of the UNIFIL position at Kafr Kana duriog Operation Grapes of Wrath. Israel insisted that it did not know refugees were at the UNIFIL base, and that Hizbullah had taken advantage of the Fijian peacekeepers, placing its mortar and Katyusha launcher close to the camp.

The Israeli explanations fell on deaf ears. Just before his

on deaf ears. Just before his departure. Ya'acobi sat through a three day UN debate on Kafr Kana. When it was over, the Geoeral Assembly voted 64-2 in favor of a resolution that condemned Israel's attacks oo the Lebanese civilian populatioo and called for Israel to pay repa-

Israel said the assembly had been one-sided by failing to take into account Hizbullah's activities, and Peleg insinuated at the time that the UN bore respossibility for the attack. Since the beginning of Operation Grapes of Wrath, uotil Kafr Kana, Israel had reported to the UN 19 times of the cases in which Hizbullah shelled from less than 200 meters from a UNIFIL position.

"Altogether during the operation, there were 34 cases," he said. "And the question is, why didn't the UN do anythiog?" Problems in the General Assembly were compounded wheo the military adviser of then-secretary general Boutros Boutros-Gbali, Major Geoeral Frank van Kappen of the Netherlands, issued a scathing report on the Israeli shelling, suggestiog that it was oot an accident.

The report was written, with its cooclusions drawn, while Israel was scrambling to determine what had bappened.

"We regretted the incideot and we rejected their position that it was done deliberately," Peleg said io an interview at the UN oo the eve of the Kafr Kana anniversary. But, he said, Israel was a victim of both its cooperation and the IDF's reputation. "We fell victim to our zeal to

cooperate and to share informa-

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acknowledged that Netanyahu's

government would have different emphases, but be said, "I'm ool going to be a prophet of doom." Israel had made progress in the UN, he said at the time, adding: "We don't feel at all Middle East. In the 1995 besieged." But by the end of the General Assembly session, 148 session, he had blocked what he called the Palestinian UN observer's "inoovations" which were attempts to get the UN to eodorse Palestinian state-

tion." he said. Israeli military

authorities could have waited

until the iovestigation was com-

plete before sharing information with van Kappen. "But they wanted to share with him every-

thing they had at the time. Some

of it was not confirmed, and

afterward it became clear that

some of it was not accurate and

The Dutch general also had

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hood and to refer to Israeli settlemeots as "colooial."

And by the end of Peleg's year, be bad accused the Palestioians of inciting violence and of "dysfunctional behavior" at the UN, bad implied that the Europeans were biased by supporting resolutions that assailed Israel over coostruction at Har Homa, and was unable to block a special emergeocy session of

the UN - again oo Har Homa. Nooetheless, Peleg said, "In spite of the criticism of the issues like Har Homa, I think that none of our relations [at the

"question of Palestine," Israel did not gain any ground. Then again, it had little to lose. Israel consistently is the only state to vote against the annual Jerusalem resolution, while Israel and the US routinely are the only opponents of the Golan resolutioo. The recent emergency session

On the other long-standing

resolutions, on Jerusalem and

the Golan, that surface each year

as part of the debate on the

was requested by Qatar on March 31 to protest Har Homa, after the US had twice vetoed

"How much of an emergency could Har Homa be if it took four weeks for UN delegations to agree, in a secret ballot, to hold a special session about it?"

UN] have been damaged in the Security Council resolutions last year." The harsh rhetoric, in fact, was not reflected in the traditional annual votes on the Middle East. In the 1995 states voted in favor of a resolution supporting the peace while four were process, opposed. Io this year's session,

that would have condemoed the project. The UN voted 134-3. with 11 abstentions, to condemn Israel for Har Homa.

opposed the resolution, which also called for the "cessation of all forms of assistance and support for illegal Israeli activities' io the "occupied Palestinian territory." Many delegations want Israel to suspend Har Homa, but they see it is not going to happen," Peleg said in an interview after the vote.

Although the votes of the assembly are not bindiog, they iodicate the persistent prefereoce of the international commuoity to remain involved in Israeli-Palestinian affairs, even though the US has firmly stated that disputes should be resolved by the two sides.

Peleg, however, insisted after the vote that Israel was oot besieged. He was measuring success by the countries who Australia, Canada and Germany. He also said that many states were reluctant to have a special

A special session required 93 votes, a majority of the 185 members of the UN.

The proof of UN fatigue with the issue, Peleg said, was that it took almost four weeks to get enough votes to convene the session. How much of an emergency coold Har Homa be, he asked, if it took so long for UN delegations to agree, in a secret ballot, to a special session about

Nonetheless. he conceded, once the session was convened. even the "fatigued" states voted against Israel.

Peleg has done the best he can do in preserving relations while defending his govern-ment's position." Gnehm, of the US Missioo, said in an interview. "He is persistent, but in a modest sort of way. No ooe could accuse him of arrogance." He also has a good relationship with Bill Richardson, who recently replaced Madeleioe Albright, now secretary of state, as the US ambassador to the UN. Their ties go back to the days Embassy in Washington, where Ricbardson was a congressman from New Mexico.

Richardson is a Peleg booster. On the eve of presenting his credentials to Annan, Richardson met with Netanyahu and was delighted to see Peleg with the prime minister, Gnchm recalled. "Richardson turned to Mr. Netanyahu and said, 'You should make this man your rep-

Although he would clearly relish the permaneot post at the UN, which once was beld by Netanyahu, Peleg refused to take the bait and to promote himself during a recent interview. "I came as deputy. I didn't plan to be [ambassador] for a year," he said. "Now I am waiting to see who will be appoint-



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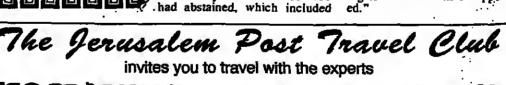
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A growing alliance

Turhan Tayan is prodding his Islamic-led government to forge tighter ties with Israel. Steve Rodan met the Turkish defense minister during his visit here this week

Turhan Tayan enters the hangar at Israel Aircraft Industries, where the first Turkish airforce F-4 is being upgraded. The Turkish defense minister gathers several of his Israeli hosts for a group shot in front of the aging yellow warplane. Then, he bnunds up the stairs for more photographs next tn the Turkish iosignia oo the tail of the jet.

Oops, a photographer fails to get the shot. No problem. Tayan scoots up the stairs again for a pose. For good measure, he walks to the cockpit and preens for more shots.

When be descends, he returns to the handful of Turkish journalists who bave interviewed him at least four times in the previous 30 minutes. The Israeli defeose executives and officials, most of whom are bardly pressshy, look amazed. "My good-ness, this man never stops," one Israeli executive says. "At this rate, we'll oever get oot of

The 54-year-old Tayan is an anomaly in Turkish politics. He is a secular minister in Turkey's first Islamist-lcd government. He is a civilian, a former journalist and attorney, who formally oversees Turkey's boge military establishment. And, for Israel, this week's visit was the most symbolic gesture of the growing relations between

Ankara and Jerusalem. We are two countries in the regioo ruled hy democracy," Tayan says. "Turkey attaches a specific importance to its frieodsbip with Israel. The relatiooship between our countries is a

poiot. We have to go further." Since February 1996, Isracl and Turkey have signed three major accords that officials in countries privately acknowledge have resulted in a strategic relationship. The first agreement is for free trade, withnut customs or duties, between the two countries. The second is for defense-industry ennperation, which led to the signing of a \$650 million contract for the IAI upgrade of 54

"Both countries have complaints about International terrorism, it is natural that we exchange views and ways to cooperate."

F-4 Turkish airforce warplanes. The two countries are also discussiog the Israeli sale of unmanned air vehieles and early-warning aircraft to Turkey.

The third agreement is the most nehulous. This is for military cooperation and training between Israel and Turkey. Both Turkish and Israeli sources say it involves a wide range of activities incloding sharing intelligence, couoterterrorism and a strategic dialogue to discuss and

coordinate positions on regional threats in the region.

Tayao does not play down the importance of the agreements, hut be stresses that they are not meant to be against any other country, such as Syria or Iran.

"We do not have a strategic agreement [with Israel]," Tayan says. "Turkey doesn't make agreements against or for any third country. Here, there are common democracies. Both countries have complaints about ioternational terrorism. It is oatural that we exchange views and ways to cooperate io this

Soch an exchange begins next week, wheo Israel and Turkey convene their semiannual strategic dialogue. This time, bnwever, the US will be a participant a move that officials in all three countries acknowledge marks the impurtance Washington attaches to the defense relatiooship between Ankara and Jerusalem.

The Israeli delegation will be led by Defense Ministry senior adviser David Ivry. The Turks will be headed by Gen. Cevik Bir, deputy chief of the Turkish Geoeral Staff.

An unnamed senior representative of the US Army will represent Washington.

"This is where the real issues of the relationship will be discussed," a Turkish defeose source says.

Bir is regarded as the most prominent figure in the Turkish military. He is solidly pro-Western, a fervent advocate of ties with Israel and an officer whose mission has been to preserve Turkey's secolar democra-



Visiting Turkish Defense Minister Turhan Tayan reviews an honor guard in Tel Aviv: 'We are two countries in the region ruled by

y from the efforts of Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan.

Sources involved in the strategic dialogue say the talks will deal with the immediate and the mid-term. The immediate concerns are wrapping up the details of a US-Israeli-Turkisb exercise - in Mediterranean planned for the next few weeks.

At first, Israel and Turkey had planned to exercise alooe, but soorces say Defeose Minister Yitzhak Mordechai pressed for US participation to highlight the importance of the emerging.

alliance. "I certainly expect," Mordechai says, "that the US, as a superpower, will be an anchor and adopt, in a more tangihle way, the relations between the states of the region, between Israel and Turkey, with joint and combined maneuvers with the main goal of this being to strengthen Turkey, Israel and the US."

The lnnger-term goal of the talks is to discuss strategy toward what the countries regard as the emerging threats in the Middle

For several years, deficiog those threats has been a source of dispute between both the US and Israel, as well as Israel and Turkey.

Take Iran. For the last four years, Israel has been pressing for a campaign to stop Teheran's unconventional weapons program, particularly its drive to obtaio ouclear weapoos. Defense sources say the US generally played down Iran's ability to realize these ambitions and dismissed the prospect of an

Iranian nuclear bomb for at least

the next decade. Turkey didn't share Israel's alarm either. Like the US, Ankara acknowledged Iran's ambitions bot dismissed Teheran's technological capabilities. At the same time, with the rise of Erbakan's pro-Islamist government, Turkey appeared to move clnser to Teheran. In Aogust 1996, Erbakan signed a \$23 billion gas supply

agreement with Iran. Two mooths later, Iranian President Hasbemi Rafsanjani

visited Ankara, where he and Turkey," a senior Israeli source Erhakan discussed defeose says. "The Turks always took cooperation. They agreed on a joint Turkish-Iranian arms-productioo program in which Ankara agreed to purchase 145 attack helicopters and up to 1,000 tanks by the year 2000.

Quietly, the Turkish military dismissed the agreement, saying would not implement it. But Erbakan countered hy moving a group of officials from the ndersecretariat for Defense Industries to his own office.

But Israeli diplomatic sources

Russia seriously during the Cold War days, and the combination of Iran and Russia made them realize that Teheran was oot just mouthing rbetoric." Some Israeli diplomatic sources regard last mooth's visit to Turkey by

Foreign Mioister David Levy as another turniog point in con-vincing Turkey of the Iranian threat. Levy met on April 8 with Erbakan, who had refused, until theo, to meet any Israeli, in what sources say was an extremely.

Since February 1996, Israel and Turkey have signed three major accords that officials in both countries privately acknowledge have resulted in a strategic relationship.

say Turkey began changing its friendly meeting. tune over the last few months. Today, the Turkish government and military take Teheran seriously and regard it as a major threat to Turkey's stability. For the military, the change of heart came sooo after the Rafsanjani visit, when the Turkish military found evidence of Iranian involvement in fundamentalist unrest in Ankara and other major

Moreover, over the past three mooths, the Turkish govern-ment, including Erbakan himself, was convinced that Iran is now capable of realizing its ambitions.

The turning point came in Israeli intelligence reports, relayed to Ankara and Washington, of significant Russian aid in both Teheran'a nuclear program and its devel-opment of medium-range ballis-tic missiles that can strike both Israel and any part of Turkey.

At the same time, the Russian technningy has been available for sharing with Iran'a ally, Syria, in its own missile and conconventional weapons pro-

"The Russian factor alarmed

"It didn't turn Erbakao into a lover of Zion," one diplnmat says. "But it broke a barrier and he signaled to both his government and other states that Israel is oo longer taboo." Turkey also has its concerns

that only recently are being shared by Israel. The main one is the danger of Syrian-spnn-sored terrorism, particularly of the Kurdish PKK. Duriog the government of prime minister Yitzbak Rabin

and Shimon Peres, Israeli nfficials played down Syrian-sponsored terrorism in an effort to advance the peace talks with Damascus.

They also did not want to be seeo as taking a position against the Kurds, Israel's longtime ally in northern Iraq.

The change came with the gov-

ernment of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Netanyahu, diplomatic sources say, did not feel a need to paper over Syrian support of terrorism. Moreover, the sources say, he stressed a need for a joint battle against terrorism and the isolation of states that spoosor such groups as the PKK.

Today, Israeli diplomatic sources say, Netanyahu's gov-ernment is willing to discuss a joint approach to Syrian-sponsored terrorism, including that of the PKK. But, they stress, this does not mean a significant, change io policy.

We are not talking about hurt-

ing the Kurds," a source says.
"We are talking more about dealing with the host of groups that Syria supports." In the background to the Turkish-Israeli-US alliance is the pro-Islamic government of Erbakan. Relations between the Turkish military and Erbakan have been getting worse in reccot weeks as the powerful generals have come just short of twisting the prime minister's arm to prevent creepiog Islamization in public

Tayan, a member of the secular True Path Party, stressed that the political tensions in Ankara have oothing to do with Turkey's relations with Israel. At the same time, he appears to support the military's role in preserving secularism in Turkcy from Erbakan.

"The Turkish armed forces do not have any special requests," he says. "They dnn't want anything other than what is written in the constitution. Among their duties is 10 preserve the democratic secular state of law.

"The coalition is not the ideal system. It is a way of administration when you have to establish a coalitinn. As it is in Israel, the coaliting comes and goes."

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai (right) greets his Turkish counterpart. Tayan is an anomaly in Turkish politics - a secular minister in the country's first Islamic-led government.

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A bloody week in a Galilee village

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Israeli Arab leaders are trying to play down tensions between Moslems and Christians, following a violent clash this week. **David Rudge** reports

Tiolent clashes this week between two families in Turan village in Lower Galilee have raised the specter of Moslem-Christian strife in the Arab community.

Village leaders in Turan maintain that the bloody, week-long feuds, in which a Christian resident was killed and three Moslems seriously injured, are not based on religious differences, but were sparked by a

dispute between family clans. Nevertheless, Dr. Elie Rekhess believes that there are signs of a growing rift between Moslems and Christians.

Israeli Arab leaders have taken pains to play down even hints of division among religious lines in their ranks, according to Rekhess, an expert on Israeli Arabs at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center.

"Generally speaking, Moslem-Christian relationships in the Israeli Arab community have in the past been characterized by peace and quiet," says Rekhess. "In recent years, however, tensions have occasionally arisen, especially during Moslem and Christian holidays, such as Id al-Fitr [at the end of the month-long Ramadan fast], Id al-Adha [the Feast of the Sacrifice] and at Christmas and

This growing tension, which can sometimes be exacerbated by clan disputes or squabbles, is partly related to the expansion of the Islamic Movement within the Arab community in Israel, Rekhess

Rekhess maintains that the Islamic Movement's slogans, such as "Islam is the Truth" and "Islam is the Solution," have irritated certain sectors of the Christian com-

"Islamic leaders try to minimize religious differences and continue to present the Islamic Movement as an all-Arab entity.

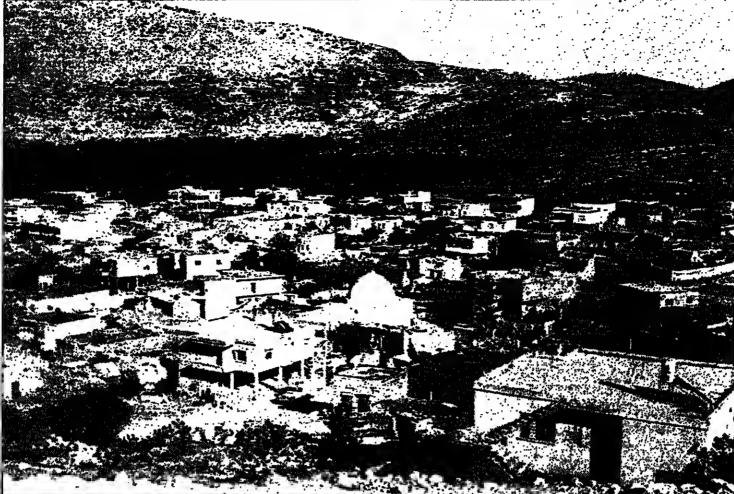
"Some Christian leaders are concerned about the changing winds, although nobody is prepared to talk about this publicly," says Rekhess.

Arab leaders too, in their public announcements, have vehemently rejected any indications of a Moslem-Christian rift, although some cracks have been appearing, even in places like Nazareth and Kafr Yasif, according to Rekhess.

According to Turan local council chairman Nagi Nessar, the riots that have broken the peace and normally harmonious relations between residents of the village, located on the Nazareth-Tiberias road, are the outcome of what he describes as juvenile hooliganism.

Nevertheless, a continuation of the fighting, which has been primarily between members of the Moslem Dahleh and Christian Khouri families, could have farreaching ramifications for Turan's 9.000 inhabitants - 80 percent of whom are Moslems and the remainder, Greek Orthodox Christians.

Nessar says the trouble began when "a handful of teenagers from the Dahleh family caused a distur-



A pastoral Galilee village scene belies tensions between Moslem and Christian families.

bance in the grounds of the church on the eve of a Christian holiday." A few days later, some young men from the Khouri family decid-

ed to retaliate and attacked members of the other family. "There was a fight, resulting in three young people from the Dahleh family heing seriously injured,"

Police were first notified of the Poriya Hospital. problem on Sunday when they received a complaint that stones had been thrown at the church compound.

The following night, the fighting erupted in earnest when three members of the Dahleh family were stabbed. Two are still in senous condition in the Tiberias area's al emergency meetings, following

There was further rioting on Tuesday night, when a police officer was also injured. On Wednesday night, a man was stabbed while returning home from the church. He later died of his

The local council has held sever-

consultations with Christian and Moslem dignitaries, and a sullia (reconciliation) committee has been established to try to defuse the

The meeting of the sulha committee was also attended by senior police officers, headed by Northern District chief Cmdr. Alec Ron and Ha'amakim District chief Cmdr.

Avi Tiller, to show police concern over the situation in the village. This is the first time something

like this has happened in the history of the village. We have always had good and harmonious relations, but now it has happened here," Nessar notes.

'What's important to stress, however, is that this is not an ethnic or religious dispute but one between two family clans," he insists.

Emil Sa'ad, a Christian resident of the village, was equally shocked by the disturbances which have

rocked the peace of the village.

This is not very pleasant. This is not the stereotype of our village – not of Moslems nor Christians. We are used to visiting one another and we pay our mutual respects, particularly during holidays," says Sa'ad,

"Anybody entering the village cannot tell the difference between Christians and Moslems. There has never been a case that I can recall of any dispute between Moslems and Christians in the village. I don't think this was the case this time, but rather something between

youngsters and families. For all of us in the village, it's a black day. It's like a person going out in their best suit and it rains, dirty, muddy rain.

But like the weather we hope everything will return to normal," says Sa'ad.

Whether this is the case, or whether underlying religious differences may have been a motivating factor in the violence, Rekhess is certain that any suggestions regarding the possibility of the latter aspect will be played down by the Arab leadership.

Whatever the causes behind what has happened in Turan, it is clear that Israeli Arab leaders will make strenuous efforts to try to preserve the image of unity," Rekhess

On ethics, lies and journalism

ight years as publisher of The Jerusalem Post showed me Inhe dark side of Israel's journalistic standards.

The Jerusalem Post I am leaving following eight years as its president and publisher is without doubt a different newspaper than it was in 1989. Some of its readers still criticize it for leaning too much to the right while others complain that the opposite is true; some complain that religious matters are not given enough space while others complain that our coverage of secular Israel is

But one thing most of these comments have in common, whether they come from readers or from professional media personalities, is their praise for the high standard of journalism at the Post.

Many articles have been written and extensive attention given to the economic turnaround the new management achieved in an unprecedentedly short time and which, in fact, saved the paper from a total economic collapse, similar to that which struck other Histadrutowned newspapers (Davor, Al

Hamishmar) just a few years later. Little has been said about the most significant change the Post has gone through - that is, leaving political stance aside for a moment the adoption of clean and pluralistic journalism. We have changed the habit of allowing reporters to insert their political views in their

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news reports and we have made room for the full range of legitimate political views to be expressed on our Op-ed pages.

A newspaper, any newspaper, has the full right to be biased or "yellow," to be cheap and light or to be heavy and serious. The only judge whose verdict counts is its readership. The readers show their satisfaction or dissatisfaction at the newsstand or when it's time to renew their subscription. Defining its potential readership and catering to its needs are the key elements in that issue and, therefore, the ultimate duty of the paper's manage-

Yet, the Post is unique in this respect too. Being the only English-language daily newspaper published in Israel it has become the prime source of information to many English-speaking Israelis, diplomats, statesmen, tourists and most of all to Jews who live across the ocean. This must affect its management's decisions to a certain

The paper's political stance, reflected in its editorials, can never satisfy all of its readers. At times, not even the majority. But when the editors start believing that theirs is the only legitimate political belief and others do not have the right to have theirs printed, that is when the paper starts to lose ground and

Erwin Frenkel, the Post's editor -

Yehuda Levy, who this week steps down as 'Post' publisher, looks back at his time at the paper

whose resignation at the end of 1989, just a few months after I was appointed by Hollinger, prompted the collective resignation of 30 (of the 120) journalists - was considered by all as a man of integrity and

In his book published at the end of 1993, he devoted some 40 pages to the takeover of the Post by Hollinger, and to the events that led to his resignation and the changes that followed at the Post.

Frenkel and his colleagues who headed the collective resignation could not bear the thought that there are political approaches to the Arab-Israeli conflict different from their own. He strongly believed that only one voice should be heard and any other voice is illegitimate.

That belief was so strong that it even justified distorting facts presented in articles in the world press and, in the end, writing a chapter in his book full of insinuations, distortions and half-truths.

THIS ABSOLUTE belief in one political solution led to an editorial policy in which anything different was denied and could not find space on the Post's pages. The



Yehuda Levy (David Brauner)

change to a pluralistic political approach was, therefore, an extreme change for Frenkel. Integrity should be measured not only by reputation. This "honest" ournalist did not hesitate to omit from his book important facts which could ruin the theory of a "right-wing conspiracy" taking over the paper.

In his testimony given at the

labor court he "forgot" to indicate that he took the floor at the journalists' staff meeting which followed hts resignation, and declared that "the publisher did not interfere in his editorial freedom."

He also failed to mention in his book that the Post's chairman. David Radler, in his visit here in June 1989 met not only with Yitzhak Shamir and Ariel Sharon, but also with finance minister Shimon Peres, president Chaim Herzog, mayor Teddy Kollek and Abba Eban. Radler also met with Yitzhak Rabin at that time, despite Frenkel's claim in his book that "the meeting with Rabin never took

All this could have been insignificant trivia in an insignificant book if it were not typical of Frenkel and the other senior journalists who departed the Post in 1990. The level of honesty and journalistic integrity, distortions and lies, to which they were ready to reduce themselves once they had to justify their own struggle was beneath

The late Yitzhak Rabin, then minister of defense, invited me to see him shortly after my appointment as the Post's president and

The meeting was held under the shadow of the deep rift that then existed between the Post and the defense establishment, caused by the consistent support given by the Post to the Palestinians and the harsh criticism of the IDF and the way it acted during the intifada. At the end of the hour-long meeting Rabin said: "I want you to know that if Yasser Arafat had ever dreamed of a most effective tool of propaganda he could not have hoped for a better one than The Jerusalem Post." That was the paper in the eyes of a Laborite, not an "extreme rightist" (as some were calling the new publisher).

These efforts to discredit the new management started long before those "rebelling" journalists made any effort to really get to know the new management, its intentions or its political convictions, and these efforts are still going on today with the active support of journalists from the Hebrew press, who by and large never read, nor ever will read, The Jerusalem Post but who are ready to jump at every opportunity to basb the Post in order to please their comrades who left it more than seven years ago.

David Landau, who as the managing editor of the Post until the end of 1989 wrote more stories for foreign newspapers than for the one that paid his high salary and who later was sacked by another major paper, was quoted in a recent article in the local weekly

Yerushaloyim as thanking me for creating the situation that brought him to the "top of the Israeli press, the Op-ed page of Ha'aret." It certainly tops all other newspapers in one respect, that it is written by "people who think" that no one else has the right to think.

FRENKEL, LANDAU and others in that group believed that without them the Post would not survive. They aimed to shift the discussion from the real reasons which brought the paper to the verge of total collapse, i.e., the fact that m their last years at the Post they wrote mainly to serve their own political convictions, that they maintained a chaotic economy at the Post, that marketing, customer service and other such terms were entirely foreign to them.

They would rather blame it all on the "right-wing politics" that came to change and harm the Post, their own Post which was invaded by foreigners. (Strangely enough, Frenkel, in one of his remarks, refers to me as being "foreign to the Post, and to the language." True, I had to consult a dictionary from time to time, but could Frenkel and his colleagues, who by and large were foreigners to the country, consult a dictionary in order to better understand Israel and its neigh-

The Jerusalem Post of today is without doubt a different newspaper than it was in the days of Frenkel and Landau. It stands on a firm economic base, it provides its readers with 50 percent more pages a week and it maintains the highest journalistic standards in the coun-

try.
The Post is quoted almost daily by the most respected publications of the Western world, its Internet edition is by far the most successful Israeli web site and is placed among the top 10 dailies published in English. During the past eight years we managed to prove that there is no true conflict between publishing a high-quality newspaper and maintaining an economically healthy one.

One has to listen to the many voices we hear from all over the world, to read the letters of praise, to watch the messages on the computer screens, and to hear what Jewish and non-Jewish leaders say about the Post in order to conclude that we must be doing something very right. We do pay attention to criticism but we shall continue to ignore yesterday's bashers.

For these achievements, I thank our loyal readership, our devoted staff and our competent manage-





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By AMOTZ ASA-EL

nverty – as the English writer Sydney Smith once put il - constitutes no cause for disgrace, but is confoundedly inconvenient

Whether or not he has ever heard of that early-19th century English elergyman, Shas leader Arych Deri would probably agree with him.

And so, faced with mnunting evidence that he is a crook, the man whn wnuld have been the Tiger Woods of Israeli politics has now pulled out of his quiver the very last, and most poisoned, of his arrows: ethnie incitement.

Why not climh up a tribune - he apparently told himself - scan the mob, wave at it, grah a megaphone and holler into it a few passionate cries about "them" having rohbed "us" of our heritage, pride

Yet the battle, which had heen engaged long before Attorney-General Elyakim Ruhinstein decided to indict Deri, is neither about ethnicity nor about wealth. Rather, it's about civilization, with the ultimate question being which world will Israel embrace in the next century: the First or the Third.

By MOSHE KOHN

rom time to time Arab spokespersons and their fellow travelers here and

L abroad accuse us right-wing Jews of

But there is no need for us to do so. Their

demonism - the demonism of those who

write and publish vile slanders about the

Jews and Israel in Egypt's controlled press,

and of those who speak and write such slan-

ders in the name of the Palestinian Arabs -

is easily discernible in their words and

Christian Europe once accused us of poi-

soning the wells and spreading the Black

Death. Today the Palestinian National

Authority accuses ns of "injecting 300

Palestinian children with the HIV virus dur-

ing the years of the intifada" (PNA delegate

Nabil Ramlawi at the UN Commission on

Human Rights in Geneva, The Jerusalem

But Ramlawi was merely barking in his

master's voice. In 1983, Yasser Arafat sent a

letter to the UN secretary-general accusing

Arafat's adviser on national political guid-

ance, Othman Abu Gharhiya, announces

that the Arabs are "fighting and struggling

with an enemy who is Shylock" (Voice of

I wonder if Ahu Gharbiya's familiarity

with Shakespeare extends to Cassio's words

to lago, "_.O, that men should put an enemy

in their mouths, to steal away their

SHABBAT SHALOM

Palestine radio, March 15).

us of "poisoning Palestinian schonlgirls."

demonizing them.

Post, March 17).

actions.

A VIEW FROM NOV

Tiger Deri's lost worlds

resentment Shas is trying to both tap and foment is firmly rooted in our unhappy social landscape.

Half a century after its establishment, a mere 16 percent of Israel's non-Ashkenazi Jews have attended universities, as opposed to nearly one in two Ashkenazim. Meanwhile, one in eight non-Ashkenazim are below the National Insurance Institute's poverty line.

The share of poor Ashkenazim is roughly half that proportion. and that too is mostly due to the latest immigration wave, which is expected to largely emerge from its current destitution fairly

Set against this grim backdrop, an exercise in demagoguery, like Deri's speech last week, inevitably finds its admiring ears amnng thousands of frustrated non-Ashkenazi janitors, grocers, porters, cab drivers and the rest of the blue-culiar population which filled the Givat Ram soccer stadium that day like plebeian Romans thirsting for gladiators' blood.

Hnwever, the gaps between Israelis of European and Mideastern backgrounds are - in stark contrast with Deri's insinuations - the result of no one's design, but of simple historic circumstances.

People tend to forget this, but, until the Hnlocaust, more than nine out of every 10 Jews were of European extraction. That ton had not been that way for more than a few generations. As recently as the 17th century, wurld Jewry was about evenly split between To be sure, the anti-Ashkenazi Christendom and the Moslem

hrains!..." (Othello II:iii). Does he know of

the words of Shylock's servant, Launcelot

Gohbo, to his father, Old Gobbo, "_truth

will come to light; murder cannot be hid

In the spirit of the infamous Protocols of

the Elders of Zion forgery, PNA Cahinet Secretary Ahmad Abdul Rahman warms:

"We must not forget that the American

administration suffers from a disease whose

name is the Zionist lobby in Washington"

The PNA's Justice Minister Freih Abu

Medein names names: US policy in the

five Zionist Jews... [Secretary of State]

Madeleine Albright, [Secretary of Defense]

William Cohen, [special Middle East coordinator] Dennis Ross, [Ross's deputy]

Aaron Miller, and [Ambassador] Martin

Farouk Kaddumi, head of the PLO's polil-

ical department, recently told reporters in Cairo that Ross "is a biased Zionist who

came here to fulfill his plot to destroy the

peace process" (Voice of Israel radio, March

Will Kaddumi and Abu Medein one day

reveal that the US president's real name is

Benny Clintovich, and that the vice-presi-

dent was born Alan Gorenberg? And what.

about the PLO's hrilliant spokeswoman,

Hanan (formerly Hannaleh?) Ashrawi, who

proudly proclaims descent from the first

Christians, whn were, of course, kosher

According to PNA Chairman Arafat him-

self, "The Jewish lohby is working very hard to jenpardize the process" (Beirut

Daily Star, March 25, and Agence France

I hope Arafat is right - not for the reason

that guides him, but because even under the

Netanyahu-Levy team, "the process"

remains essentially what it has been since it

was conceived and its implementation

begun hy the Beilin-Rabin-Peres team: an

lews at the outset?

Presse, March 26).

Middle East, he reveals, is being run by

long..." (Merchant of Venice II:ii)?

(Voice of Palestine radio, April 14).

Indyk" (Yediot Aharonot, April 13).

Mediterranean basin. lt is no eoineidence that

Sephardi luminaries like Maimonides or Ahrahanel lived in the Middle Ages; back then most Jews were non-Ashkenazim, and the countries where they lived were developed by contemporary standards.

The dramatic shrinking of non-European Jewry in subsequent generations was a mere by-product of the Islamic world's failure to embrace modernity, with its improved transportation, vibrant social mobility, revolutionized health conditions, elaborate employment apportunities and enhanced political freedoms.

Indeed, it is because of these prosaic circumstances that modem Europe, rather than North Africa or the Middle East, produced such history-shaping Jews as Einstein, Freud, Marx, Herzl and Disraeli. And for the same reason, the lnng shadows of Zionism's Ashkenazi fnunding fathers are still cast over the state of Israel. It's not discrimination, or genes; all it is is historie condi-

In other words, if Shas wants to affect the situation it so much likes to lament and explnit, it must abandon its current strategy which boils down to showering its voters with the middle class's tax money - and, instead, seek ways to lead its followers into the middle class, primarily through top-notch secular education which is the gateway to democratie maturity, technological modernity, and social mobility.

Tragically and ironically, Deri

The Palestinian 'Protocols'

propaganda..."

in terror acts:

rorists:

process. What is needed is a process in

which the sides not only pay lip service to

peace, but both sides act, stage by stage, to

implement their formal undertakings to

peace. For example, under Oslo 2 Article

XXII, the sides are to "seek to foster mutu-

al understanding and tolerance and...

abstain from incitement, including hostile

THE LIST of PLO/PNA violations of both

the letter and the spirit of the Oslo Accords

is too long for us to consider them serious

peace partners. They have not yet even had

the decency and courage to straightforward-

ly and unequivocally, with the same moral passion with which they have been slander-

ing Israel and the Jews, renounce the vile, antisemitic sections of their "Palestinian

Covenant," which they undertook to for-

mally repeal in the 1993 Declaration of

Palestinian delinquency regarding "the

process": The PNA and its Council, and the

Palestinian communal, religious and intel-

· chronically acted lethargically, to put it

mildly, against terrorist activity by their

adherents and others in their jurisdiction;

· released members of terrorist groups,

· frequently called for jihad against Israel:

· conferred "martyr" status on bloody ter-

· repeatedly refused to hand over to Israel

HERE ARE some more examples of

On April 10, Aaron Lerner, director of

IMRA/Independent Media Review &

Analysis, asked Ahu Medein whether any

Arahs have been charged for throwing

stones or firehombs in PNA-controlled

areas in Hebron. The PNA justice minister

requested terrorist suspects.

Palestinian rhetoric:

unilateral-concession replied: "We aren't going to charge any-

many of whom have been actively involved

lectual leadership in general, have

but in fact he would drag this Mideastern island of relative progress, justice and enlightenment into the depths of the Third World. In Aryeh Deri's Israel, the elite would get away with, at best, a few weeks' military service, like

try, not only would Israel's poor

remain immersed in their misery,

he did. In Aryeh Deri's Israel, the judiciary would be routinely hassled hy the powers that he. In Aryeh Deri's Israel, the police would need to turn a hlind eye to political corruption. In Arych Deri's Israel, family planning would be discouraged, based on duhinus interpretations of Halacha. In Aryth Deri's Israel, ordinary eitizens would be distanced from secular higher education, ostensihly because it is heretical, but actually because it spreads knowledge, nurtures crit-

eal ilk thrive. In short, if it were up to Aryeh Deri, Israel would be a banana

icism and generates the kind of

political agnostieism which is the

very opposite of the popular igno-

rance on which he and his politi-

Hard to believe that less than a decade ago, when the 20-something Deri became director general of the Interior Ministry, he was widely seen as a Wunderkind who would do to Sephardi pride what Tiger Woods has just done to hlack pride in the US. Woods, a 21-year-nld golf prodigy of black, native American and Thai lineage, has, with a few graceful

is bent on doing the very opposite club strokes, won the prestigious of that. If Deri had led this counwhile at it, emaneipated an exceptionally racist corner of professional sports.

But Deri is no Tiger Woods. On the contrary. First, he has a tendency to bend the rules when the game doesn't go his way. Secondly, and far more sadly, rather than show his followers a way into the social mainstream. Deri is busy leading them into the deeper-yet poverty trap of hare-dism which, hy justifying and even glorifying non-work while encouraging the creation of multi-kindered families, has already generated a 20 percent poverty rate among Israel's Ashkenazi haredim.

If anything, this recipe will further exacerbate the social predicaments which plague Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's admirers, further diminish their chances to produce Einsteins and Freuds, and compel them to make do with numbelvisioned, cynical and populistic Deri types.

It is no coincidence that secular self-made non-Ashkenazim, from businessmen Shlomo Eliyahu and Tzadik Bino, to scholars Shlomo Ben-Ami and David Ohana, who climbed their way from the social fringes into the thick of Israel's secular elite, remain outside Shas's fold.

Apparently, having experienced albeit amid much agony - the developed world's promise for those sufficiently determined to help themselves, they have no desire to jnin Shas's odyssey inin

one," not even those whom the television

cameras filmed throwing stones at PNA

Abn Medein added: "If we charged any-

Marwan Barghouti, a member of the PNA

At a meeting of the Council in Ramallah

following the suicide-bomb attack at Cafe

Apropo in Tel Aviv, Barghouti congratulat-

ed the family of the snicide bomber, "mar-

tyr" Mussa Ranimat, and said: "We must

strengthen the connection with all

Palestinian forces, including the Hamas, in

order to meet the challenges placed before

(The PNA considers my use of historical terms like "Judea/Samaria" a provocation

and a violation of the Oslo Accords; many

THE INTERNATIONAL Convention on

the Rights of the Child, Article 38, calls on

those concerned to "take all feasible mea-

sures to ensure that persons who have not

attained the age of 15 years do not take a

direct part in hostilities." On April 6, the

PNA Ministry of Information issued a state-

ment marking Palestinian Childhood Day. It

praised "the stone-thrower children... who

formed the first defense line against the

Lerner asked Jessica Montell of the Israeli

civil-rights organization B'Tsclem about

this. She replied: "We didn't put out any-

thing about it because under the eircum-

stances things were so confusing we could

not get clear information. We have not put

(Thanks to IMRA, the Foreign Ministry

Information Department, and the

out anything on the Palestinian use of chil-

Council, is secretary-general in Judea and

Samaria of Arafat's so-called moderate

one in Hebron it would reflect badly on us."

security ehief Jibril Rajouh's men.

Fatah wing of the PLO.

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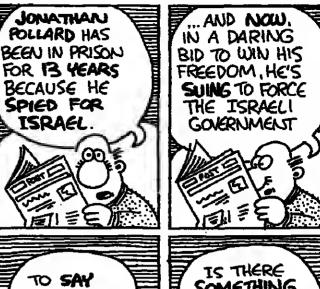
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"Moderate" Fatah.

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Balancing apathy and passion



By SHLOMO RISKIN

"And God spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they came near before the Lord, and died." (Lev. 16:1)

hich are worse – sins of passion or sins of apa-

Rabbeinu Tzadok Hakohen of Lublin (1822-1900), in his work Pri Tzadik, cites a midrash that tells of an individual walking on a road, being tempted by fire to his right and snow to his left. The wise traveler understands that he must remain in the center, avoiding both undue passion (fire) and undue apathy (snow). But which of the two extremes is

more problematic? A sin of apathy - symholized by snow - could well describe the transgression of the tribal chiefs sent by Moses to spy out the Land of Israel. Although

positive aspects (flnwing with milk and hnney, and grapes so huge eight men were required to carry each cluster), 10 of the scouts stressed the negative: it held a race of giants who would he impossible to conquer. At the end of the day, it was their (and the nation's) apathy toward the Land which led them in take the

path of least resistance and

either seek to return to Egypt nr

they did not conceal the Land's

remain in the desert. In cuntrast to the apathy of the spies, the classic example of a sin of passion may be that of Nadab and Ahihu, Aaron's sons, who died when they brought an unauthorized offering of "strange fire." They are immediately killed by God with a fire

from Ahove. It seems clear that here is the prototypical "sin of fire," excessive ecstasy which - if not tempered by Divine law - can lead to fanaticism. Nevertheless, 1 would argue that in the scale of transgression, "sins of fire" are generally more forgivable than

'sins of snow." Even if Nadah and Ahihu committed a transgression, the following verse records how Moses repeats to Aaron the words of God: "I will he sanctified through them that come near to me, and before all the people will I be glnrified" (Lev

spies leads to tragedies throughnut Jewish history, starting with the punishment of the entire generation.

But the passion of Nadah and Abihu merely leads to a commandment, which appears several verses after their deaths: "Drink no wine or strong drink ... when you go into the tent of meeting, that you die not." Finally, two striking features

of our portion's opening verse are the absence of the names of Nadab and Ahihn. Could the Torah be distinguishing the act from the actors, the crime from its perpetrators? Passion that can lead tn fanatieism must be stopped and condemned, hut the individuals, whose motives were pure, remain close to the

Almighty! And despite the fact that excessive passion resulted in the deaths of Nadah and Ahihu, the service in the Temple goes on. In contrast, when the 10 tribal heads refuse to enter the land. Jewish history comes to a 40-

year standstill. Rabheinu Tzadok goes one step further. Why do people or nations fall prey to disinterested paralysis? For the individual who lacks the ability to succeed, eynical nay-saying can nften serve as a protection against failure. Remember how the scouts described the inhabitants their own passion.

Mnreover, the apathy of the of Canaan: "We were in nur eyes as grasshoppers, and so we were in their eyes" (Num. 13:33).

This connection between apathy and low self-image is hinted at in a verse of the song "Woman nf Valnr" sung at the Sabbath table. How are we to understand the

verse: "She is not afraid of the snow for her honsehold, for all her household are clothed with scarlet" (Proverbs 31:21)? If we consider "snow" as a metaphor for apathy, then the

verse is telling us that she is not afraid that her household will suffer from apathy, because she imhues in them deep feelings of self-worth. If you wish your children to emerge as kings, then hring them up like princes! Now, if too much "fire" leads

to death, then it might be better to choose "snow," and do away with the priestly garments which are liable to produce exaggerated emotions. After the deaths of Nadah and

Ahihu, one might speculate that if the "voltage" in the holy Temple is so high, the danger was not worth the risk. Maybe Aaron even hlamed himself for the deaths because of his involvement at the debacle of the Golden Calf. At that time, most of the Israelites went offcourse with passion, and now his own sons went too far with

interesting to note that after the reference to the deaths of Nadab and Abihu, our Torah portinn continues with a description of the special garments Aaron mustwear. "He must put on a sanetified white linen tunic, and have linen pants on his body. He must also gird himself with a linen sash, and bind his head with a linen turban. These are the sacred vestments" (Lev. 16:4). Why wasn't he told this back in the portion of Shmini?

The Torah concludes that despite its risks, the sanctuary's ritual and priestly garb are necessary components in the legitimate self-pride of a sovereign nation with a mission to present ethical mnnotheism to the world. However, the dangers inherent in excessive pride mnst be recognized and tempered. If we return to our midrash

about the individual who must walk in the middle of the road, we realize that this wasn't the path of least resistance; it was rather the Golden Mean of Maimonides, the road of peace as demarcated by our holy Torah, whose "tree of life is in the center of the garden." The traveler must zealously guard against either extreme, yet remain passionate in his moderation.

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

A festival of political correctness

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Jewish mother dreamed of

Somewhere between getting our own state and reaching the 1980s, this dream underwent a change. It became more lucrative and more popular to aspire to owning a pick-le-vendor's stall in the market.

The new social stamp of approval became even clearer at election time. Politicians of all persuasions descended on the nation's marketplaces to rub shoulders, to slap backs, to mingle their swear with that of the honest worker, to gush with love for the common man.

Back in prime minister Yitzhak Shamir's government, Foreign Minister David Levy had some of his finest moments, publicly scoff-ing at the "Professor" title of thendefense minister Moshe Arens, when he dared challenge Levy for the party leadership.

The social screw has been given another twist by the Bar-On Affair. The report of the state prosecutor and attorney-general let everyone off the hook except Shas MK Aryeb Deri.

Now it has become most politically and socially incorrect to be a member of one of the so-called "elites." This is a very wide net indeed, catching in its trawl anyone holding a senior position in the civil service, legal system, academia, military, police or anything else - so long as it is painted Ashkenazi wbite and has certain

SRULIK



The specter of Aryeh Deri's indictment turned this year's Mimouna into a groveling cootest for politicians oozing brotherly love for their Moroccan brethren. (Efraim Kilshtok)

liberal educational values.

Elite-bashing is the new game in lown. Every television and radio chat show simply had to have one or several token Sephardim - the anti-elite voice. Suddenly, ethnic origin seemed to be the sole criterion for being invited to lash out at the "elites" and their conspiracies

and crimes. It was the "elites" who had conspired to uodermine Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu the people's choice. Bad enough, but even worse was how the "elites" had ganged up against Deri in their continuing discrimination

against all those of Moroccan ori-

gin - which has been going on since the early days of the state. "elite" of all in Shas philosophy.

Deri held a huge rally of supporters in which he slammed the founding fathers of secular Zionism and the state - the worst primeval

Those running the justice system

come a close second.

by DOSH



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fell together (6) 20 Early flower quietly came up beyond the boundary (8) 22 Chip shop where they rake it in? You bet! (6)

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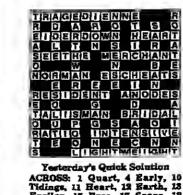
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GROVEL, GROVEL If "elites and ethnics" is the fashionable new version of snakes and ladders, then "grovel" is the new Monopoly. Bootlicking can be fun,

if the boots belong either to some-

one facing criminal charges, or to a

Den's people set up a stall solic-ting signatures against the anorney-general's report. This, of

course, is the clearest proof of the

plot of the elites" against poor

politician belonging to Shas, or, preferably, to both. Among those who prostrated themselves before Deri this week were Labor leaders Shimon Peres. Ehud Barak, Haim Ramon and others - all of whom found fault with Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein's decision to indict only

the Shas luminary. But a new benchmark for groveling was set by Labor's Young Guard. Sounding more like Red Guards, they topped their pilgrimage to Deri with the most fawning "Hall O Great One" speeches. They were there only to support and encourage him. They wished that he "come out clean" from "all this business." He most graciously warned them of an "ethnic explosion." He did not have to add "unless I'm acquitted at trial."

And never ever has Israel seen such a festival of political correctness as this week's Mimouna. Politicians of every shape, creed and origin fell over one another while scouring the countryside for celebrations to honor with their presence - and hopefully a cameraman or two.

Oczing brotherly love for their Moroccan brethreo, they stuffed inanely grinning faces with sticky sweets and propped funny hats on top of their brains.

GEE, THANKS

During the police investigation of the Bar-On Affair, Labor leaders put their "opposition" hats in a dark

closet and stayed mum.

They would not attack
Netanyahu, amid hopes of a unity government if it all miraculously eleared up. They would not, of eourse, blast Deri - one never knows when a Shas might be needed in a coalition.

To their amazement, the "gee, thanks" reward they got for their sickly silence was top billing on both Netanyahu and Deri's hit lists

Shas leaders said they would never again align with Labor "for what they did to Deri." Of course there are no finer representatives of the "elites" and founding fathers than Labor, said Knesset members.

Bar-Oogate has given us yet another new phrase: Failure to internalize." In Labor's case, the leaders have failed to internalize a prime rule of Israeli politics - the more you bend over to lick Deri's boots, the bigger the target your butt presents for booting.

PLENTY O' MONEY

Despite the Bar-On Affair, the economists managed to squeeze a word in edgeways into the news this week. They warned of an imminent slowdown, rising unemployment, a growing deficit and other borrors.

The word "privatization" has become as rare as "peace process" in the government lexicon.

Economy officials are muttering about drastic measures. Sioce senior-citizen benefits, health services and education facilities are already slashed, one can only wonder what's next.

But, for some things, there is always money aplenty. Take Bank Leumi (state-owned; bow's the election-promised privatization coming along?). Its managers received several hundreds of thousands of shekels in bonuses. Then there is the Housing Ministry. which is planning the construction of thousands of apartments in quariers outside Jerusalem, Ma'ariv reported, in addition to thousands of others in the settlements. The Defense Ministry is planning more "Autonomy bypass" roads in the territories to the tune of NIS I biltion, said Ha arer.

Best of all, financial allocations to the religious and haredi parties' affiliated organizations and the non-Zionist Habad movement are lo increase by NIS 30 million, to a staggering NIS 80 million, Ha'aretz revealed.

Organizations affiliated with Shas will get NIS 25 million. These funds come from the bud-

gets of the Religious Affairs and Education ministries and simply reinstate the corrupt old "special allocations" which favored politically affiliated organizations at the expense of non-political ones. Habad and other allocations are

at the expense of Reform and Conservative cultural institutions, among others, whose budgets have been cut off completely.

The budget of the large (but secular) Scouts youth movement was slashed in half, threatening its exisGRAPEVINE

The PM's image-builders

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

NLIKE Binyamin Netanyahu's election campaign guru Arthur Finkelstein, who prefers to remain incognito, local image builder Motti Morel was more than happy to tell the media of the part he played in the PM's response to the findings in the Bar-On Affair. Perhaps Morel should also go shopping with Bibi, who of late looks as if he's about to burst out of his suits. He's in a sufficiently uncomfortable position as it is. He shouldn'i be constricted by his clothes as well.

WHILE SPECULATION continues as 10 whether Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi will remain in office or be transferred to another post, at least one person in the country, other than his mother and his wife, is delighted that he survived the Bar-On debacle. Motorcycle bandir Ronnie Leibovitz, who became a folk hero among some when he robbed 22 banks during 1990-1991 and received a 20-year sentence which was subsequently reduced to 14 following an appeal to the High Court of Justice, may be out in three years if Hanegbi's recommendation for leniency is followed through.

ambassador Paulino Romero. along with former Israeli ambassadors to Latin American counmics such as Netanel Lorch and Sammy Tevet. Also present was Daniel Gazit, who heads the Foreign Ministry's American desk.

-Lockward, a historian, politician, journalist, poet, author and Evangelist lay preacher, describes himself as a "positive fanatic" explaining fanalic" explaining that Evangelism in Latin America is equal to Zionism. He has visited Israel on several occasions and is familiar with both the nation's history and current events, having kept himself updated via The Jerusalem Post's Internet edi-

AT \$600,000, there's no denying that Absolute Justice is a lowbudger production, but for all that, it's bound to be a box-office success - at least in its first week of screening, Starring Ofra Haza and Arnon Zadok, the plot centers around a police investigator, snatched in childhood from his Yemenite parents, who as an adult meets up with his biological sister.

Shooting is taking place io the Yemenite bastions of Rosh Ha'ayin and Kibbutz Ga'ash, and will be completed this month. The film is scheduled to premiere



Ofra Haza will star in a new film dramatizing the kidnapping of a Yemenite child.

MK Yossi Beilin seemed to iden- country will flock to see it. tify more than usual with Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat during the Pessah boliday. Beilin was seen sporting a grizzly stubble not unlike that which bas made Arafat a cartoonists' delight. But by the time they had their meeting, Beilin, having shaved and exchanged his T-shirt for a suit and tie, was back to bis more sartorial self.

WHEN FORMER Foreign Ministry Chief of Protocol Mordechai Palzur issued invitations to a small party which he and his wife, Michal, were hosting on behalf of Jorge Alfonso Lockward, the new ambassador for the Dominican Republic, he was referring to time more than numbers. Since Lockward was



Her choice exposed: Pamela Lee Anderson has decided to show less flesh than usual.

oot the only ambassador preseoting his credentials on Wednesday, the reception had to be cut short so that he could parucipate in the traditional round of receptions for new ambassadors at the King David Hotel.

Other new heads of diplomatic missions who presented their credentials to President Ezer Weizman that day were Eui Yong Chung of Korea, Rafael Angel Alfaro Pineda of El Salvador and Fermin Velada of

Palzur, who from 1982 to 1986 was Israel's ambassador to the Dominican Republic, mea Lockward at that time and was eager to give him a taste of Israeli hospitality.

Israel's Latin American community was well represented. included Brazilian ambassador Pedro Paulo Pinto Assumpção and Panamanian

io October, and it's a fairly safe GENERALLY DAPPER Labor bet that all the Yemenites in the

EL AL's Pessah gift to Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy was a model plane. Just over a month ago, Levy was supposed to fly home from the US on a new Boeing 757. But plans weot awry when Boeing failed to deliver on time. As compensation, he oow has a model 757.

POPULARITY CAN sometimes be a curse. Wheo Hebrew University Professor Yehoshua Porat, author of The Emergence of Palestinian Arab Nationalism. agreed to speak at the inaugural session of The Middle East Forum initiated by Harvard **Busioess School graduate Daniel** Diker, he was told that the evect would take around an hour-anda-half. Accordingly, he made other commitments for later in the evening, not realizing that his subject, "The PLO Covenant," would be so popular as to keep the audience in their seats for at least another hour. Porat didn't have that bour to spare, as a result of which Palestinian jouroalist, researcher and consultant Walid Awad had an additional opportunity to put forward the Palestinian viewpoint.

FIRST SHE played Lois Lane in Lois and Clark, but oow Terry Hntcher has a much more sophisticated boyfriend - nooe other than James Bood V. Hutcher will be cuddling up to Pierce Brosnan, the fifth actor to wear the 007 mantle.

SHE DOESN'T leave much to the imagination in the swimsuits she wears oo Baywatch, but Pamela Lee Anderson has apparently bad second thoughts about total exposure, which was why she was sued by an LA production company for breach of contract. Anderson had allegedly agreed to do nude scenes, but exercised ber female prerogative and changed her mind.

HER LONG romance with former superstar Spencer Tracy was fodder for the tabloids for years after bis death. Katharine Hepburn and Tracy never wed. because Tracy, o Catholic and married, could not divorce his wife. The feisty Hepburn remained true to his memory and her name was not linked romantically with any other man. Gutsy both on screen and off, she celebrates her 90th birthday this

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r up 4.8% on shekel so far in '97

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: Reduce recycled-water prices

ied sewage water for farm use should be reduced in price 4 agorot per cubic meter to 51 agorot, Agriculture r Rafael Eitan proposed yesterday. This suggestion allow for increased use of this water, while reducing ency on pure water.

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rt duty on apples will be reduced by 37%, from NIS 1.60 1.00 per kilogram, for May and June, after Finance er Dan Meridor yesterday agreed to a proposal by lture Minister Rafael Eitan.

reduction comes following a poor harvest last year e of inclement weather. The Agriculture Ministry hopes ll prevent an apple shortage and any subsequent price. e. The imports will come primarily from Europe and the

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Kaplan quits Africa Israel; cites Leviev hands-on style

Africa Israel geoeral manager Avigdor Kaplan has resigned after only three months in the post, and will be replaced temporarily by the holding company's chairman and major shareholder, Lev

Kaplan will assume the leadership of Clal Insurance, the Globes financial daily yesterday reported.

At the same time, Bank Leumi head of subsidiaries Zvi Hiskovitz has been named as Africa Israel's vice chairman.

While Kaplan's letter does not mention any major differences between himself and Leviev, it does indicate he would have preferred Leviev to be a less active chairman. Israel's second-largest holding company

that the new Ramat Aviv shopping mall the company is huilding would not open on Shabbat. Company representatives would not comment on whether that affair played a role in Kaplan's decision.

Kaplan joined Africa Israel after resigning from his post as Kupat Holim Clalit director-general. He huili up his reputation during his four years in the healthcare sector, during which he improved the fund's level of service and its financial

Prior to working with Clalit, Kaplan was Israel Aircraft Industries' US representative and former deputy director-general for

Leviev, meanwhile, became Africa

recently became the focus of a public storm when Leviev, who is Orthodox, announced having bought a 46 percent stake for \$189 cult consideration, I have decided to resign million. This followed the government's demand that the company's original owner, Bank Leumi, divest itself of some non-banking assets ahead of its anticipated privatization.

In his letter to Leviev, Kaplan wrote: "I really appreciate the effort and time you have devoted to the structure and development of the company in the months we've worked together and I must point out that you have gone out of your way to give of your time to your employees and to

meet the company's needs. "However, I have found your work as an active chairman, though important, has not allowed me sufficient space, in my opinion, to carry out my role as general managfrom my position."

Kaplan had initially accepted the job for a three-month trial period.

Since Leviev's takeover, several senior managers have resigned, including senior deputy general manager and No. 2 in the company Shimshon Harel, deputy general manager Danny Miran, who served as general manager of Denia Cebus, and Eli Yonas, the director representing the South African shareholders.

Africa Israel completed 1996 with a nel profit of NIS 74.9m., compared with a net profit of NIS 114m. the previous year. Leviev stressed that those results represent the performance of the company under the ownership of Bank Leumi.



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Eisenberg's will excludes daughter

By ORNA RAVIV and STELLA KORIN-LEIBER

Shoul Eisenberg's daughter, Esther Zochovitzky, has been disinherited, according to the late tycoon's will, in which he left 80 percent of his estate to his son Erwin, and 5% to each of his other three living daughters.

Another 5% was bequeathed to Yigal Diamant, widower of Eisenberg's daughter Edwina. Eisenberg's widow, Leah, receives \$2 million and their house in Israel. Esther Zochovitzky and her father

exchanges. Major news and pricing sources.

clashed in 1984 when Shoul Eisenberg accused her husband. Yonatan Zochovitzky, of embezzlement, along with Zochovitzky's partner, the late Mickey Albin. Eisenberg suspected that during his takeover of the Israel Corporation, the two had put funds that Eisenberg intended for the takeover into their own pockets, via Nesuah Trading.

A police investigation was launched, but then Albin died under circumstances that suggested suicide, and Zochovitzky fled the country, and since then has lived with Esther in New York.

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Yoav Yitzhak adds: Leah Eisenberg plans to sue for

50% of the estate, according to the presumption of partnership. The suit will be filed next week.

According to various Supreme Court rulings, property accumulated during a coupic's years together belongs equally to both, unless they agreed otherwise. Leah Eisenberg claims that according to this rule, ber late husband, who was an Israeli citizen, could not divide their common property without her agreement, in any case, he could not distribute her share (50%) of the com-

mon property.

At least one lawyer consulted by Erwin Eisenberg cited this legal problem, particulary as regards the property in Israel. In that case, Eisenberg's estate would include only 50% of the common property. In light of this, Erwin Eisenberg

has begun negotiating with the other heirs, primarily with his mother, to reach an understanding on the divi-

sion of property. The parties have embarked on a race to locate the many assets Eisenberg left, to ensure the family's legal rights to them.

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VAT chief favors near-term tax hike

By DAVID HARRIS

Customs and VAT director Motti Ayalon wants to increase VAT hy roughly I percent, to allow for a reduction in the purchase tax on electrical goods, he told reporters this week. However, he added that he favors an eventual reduction in VAT by 1% to 2%, when state revennes can support such a move,

Ayalon said he is opposed to a 1% increase in VAT to offset the budgel

While Treasury officials are reportedly continuing to prepare a NIS 1 billion cut in public spending, there have been calls to increase VAT rather than axing public services. The Prime Minister's Office remains firmly opposed to any increase in VAT or other taxes.

While the government has pledged itself to reforming the taxation system, Finance Minister Dan Meridor decided to put off the discussions until later this year, probably to coincide with early summer talks on the 1998 budget.

Ayalon's spokeswoman Idit Lev-Zerahia yesterday rejected a proposal from the Victims of Property Tax organization to increase VAT by 1%, but to remove it completely from electricity bills. There must be a uniform VAT rate, not lower here, or higher there," she said. "Why choose electricity for this sort of treatment rather than, say, medicines

Looking ahead, Ayalon said he would like to see the regressive VAT reduced by 1% to 2%. This is currently impossible given the shortfall in state revenues. He maintains that VAT hits poorer people hard.

An immediate increase in VAT by 1% to offset other tax deductions would bring some NIS 1.3 hillion into the Treasury. However, Ayalon sees the urgent need to reduce the "draconian" taxes now levied on the purchase of electrical goods. The current 85% tax on items such as televisions, videos, and stereos, would be reduced to 40%, with the tax on household appliances such as refrigerators and dishwashers reduced from 45% to 30% and a 10% tax on smaller goods, including telephones and vacuum cleaners.

There was a 2% overall first quarter increase in income to the Customs and VAT department, which took in NIS 11.5b.

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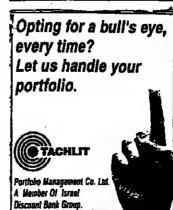
Elbit in Brazil avionics deal

By STEVE RODAN

Elbit and a Sao Paulo aircraft manufacturer have signed a contract to develop mission avionics for the Brazilian Air Force's ALX program, the parties announced during an air show in Brazil. The contract's value was not disclosed.

Elhit will supply an avionic suite, which includes a modular computer, LCD color displays, Head-Up Displays, advanced navigation system and armament sys-tem. Embraer, Brazil's largest aircraft manufacturer, will integrate the Elhit avionics to the ALX Embraer was contracted in 1995

by the Brazilian Aviation Ministry to develop an enhanced version of



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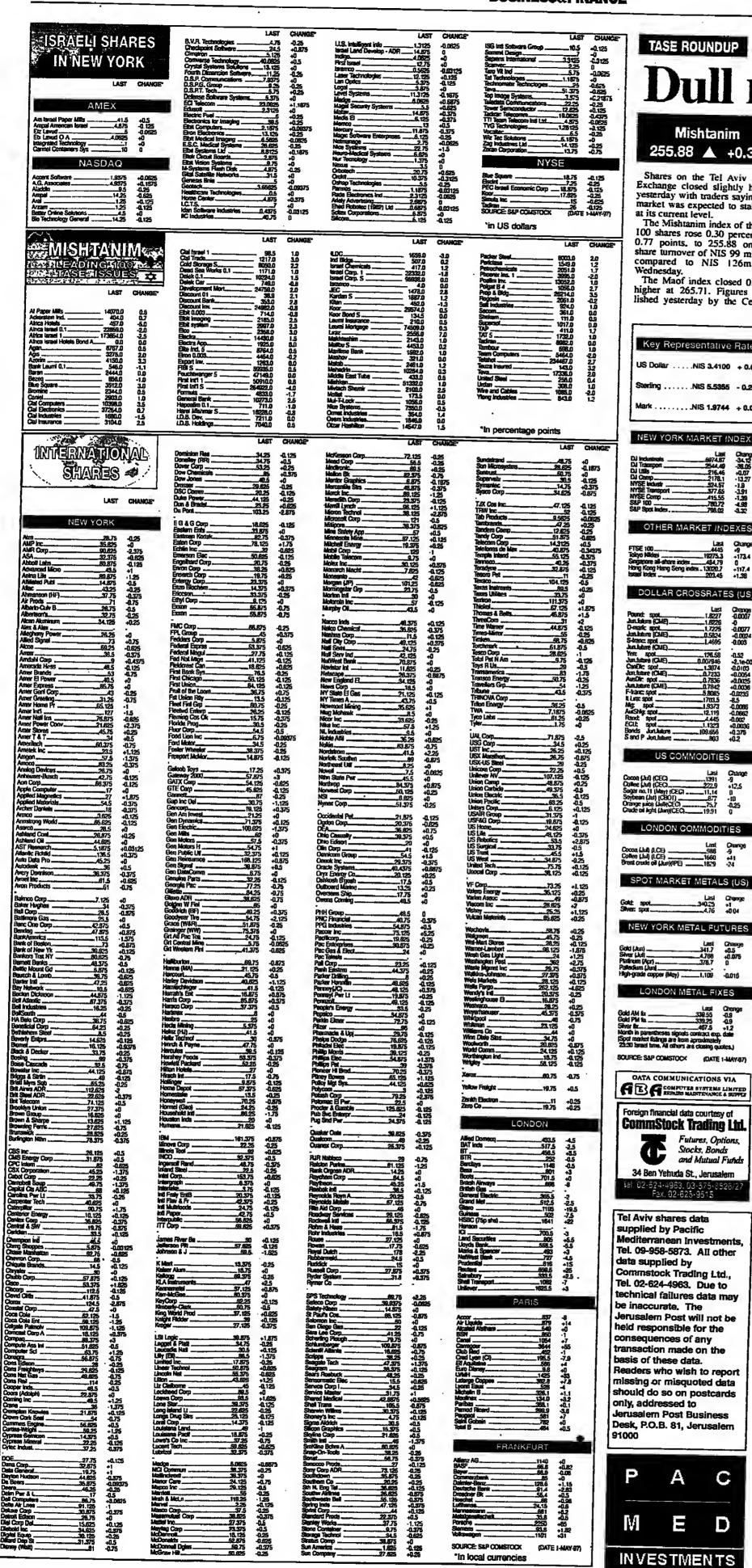
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Shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange closed slightly higher yesterday with traders saying the market was expected to stabilize at its current level.

The Mishtanim index of the top 100 shares rose 0.30 percent, or 0.77 points, to 255.88 on allshare turnover of NIS 99 million compared to NIS 126m. on

The Maof index closed 0.02% higher at 265.71. Figures published yesterday by the Central

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Bureau of Statistics show that in April the Mishtanim index gained 3.9% and the Maof rose 4.6%.

Activity was dull today and if it were not for the Dow's rise on Wednesday the market would have closed lower. During the last few days, the market recovered and now it's time for a consolidation," said Yossi Weidelfeld at

Eyal Securities. The market is still strong but it needs to stabilize now. The Maof sbares closed almost unchanged

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and the main gainers were smallcap shares," he said.

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Israel was the main loser on the Maof, falling 4%. The most active shares were Israel Discount Bank, which gained 2.75% to 353 agorot on volume of 16.1 million shekels; Israel Chemicals, which rose 1.25% on turnover of NIS 5.8ni.; and Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, which gained 2% on volume of NIS

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

FTSE sets record high

LONDON (Reuter) - UK shares ended a nervous election-day session yesterday with a closing record but by the slimmest of margins as many investors stayed away ahead of the ballot result which is due in the early hours of this morning. The FTSE 100 index closed 9.0 points higher to a new peak of 4.445.0, only 0.7 points above the previous all-time high of 4,444.3, reached on March 11.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks ended modestly higher yesterday sup-ported by buying of some major issues after early gains on buying of blue chips were eroded by profit-taking, brokers said.

They said gains in recent sessions were too rapid and the indices needed to take a breather. The 225-share Nikkei average closed 124.21 points higher at

19,275.33. HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks rose steeply for the second day in a row, closing above the 13,000-point level for the first time since mid-March as gains on Wall Street propelled prices higher, brokers said. The blue-chip Hang Seng Index soured 117.48 points, to finish at 13,020.78, SYDNEY - Local indecision

and persistent nervousness over Wall Street's behavior pushed the Australian share market just lower by yesterday's close. The All Ordinaries index lost 2.6 points to

WALL STREET REPORT

Dow closes lower

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechip stocks closed lower yesterday in their first setback of the week as investors turned cautious before today's key jobs report for

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended 32.51 points lower at 6,976.48 after racing up 265 points since the start of the week. In the broader market, advaneing issues led declines 1410 on moderate volume of 463 million shares on the New York Stock

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Friday. Due to a human, technical error, this person did not know that Albright was scheduled to return from Russia only after Shabbat begins.

Speaking yesterday afternoon at a Druse gathering in Acre to mark the Nabi Sbueib holiday, Netanyahu said that "the Middle East is not about to go up in flames, but there are dangers, including arms being sent to Iran and Syria. We are following the developments and are ready to deal with them and we have answers. The peace process can move forward if leaders want to,

and I want to." He noted that one of the conditions for achieving peace is that the Palestinians lower their expectations "so that their leaders tell them the dream of the return to the 1967 borders, the redivision of Jerusalem, and the massive return of refugees will not happen. I'm willing to make difficult decisions, but the other side must show the same readiness."

Meanwhile, Syrian President Hafez Assad and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said they see no solution in sight that would restart the peace process.

The pessimistic comments came after the two met at Sharni e-Sheikh. "In light of the present circum-

stances, the doors of peace... are elosed," Assad said. "Neither Israel's aets or statements show that their tendency is toward Mubarak said he is working

closely with Washington and other governments to get the process back on track, but added that "we have not reached a means of moving ahead this issue."

The talks are the latest in a series of consultations Mubarak has had with Arab leaders to try to get the peace process back on track. Last week, he visited Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and later this month he will fly to Morocco for talks with King Hassan II.

Mubarak and Arafat spoke by phone Wednesday night, Egyptian television reported.

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logical reactions in mice are not identical to those in humans, "DNA is DNA, and the total exposure period is very much less than can be expected from human use [of cellular phones] over a lifetime.

Prof. John Goldsmith, a senior epidemiologist at the Ben-Gurion University medical school in Beersheba, called the study "very startling new evidence that must be carefully evaluated."

Although he did not advise the 1.3 million Israeli cellular phone owners to toss them out, the BGU expert on radiation epidemiology advised greater public awareness. Raising the antenna while phon-

ing is important, as is distancing

the phone unit from the head,

which can be done while using a remote speaking device in the car, he said. Public pressure in response to such studies will require cellular phone manufacturers to provide the public with better-shielded equipment, Goldsmith concluded.

Prof. Baruch Modan, a leading Tel Aviv University epidemiologist, said he had not yet seen the Australian study.

"Holding a cell phone while driving is more dangerous than ordi-nary use," be declared. "Certainly, it's not wise to exaggerate in cellular phone use. But it will take several years to get support from elinical findings for results on rodents."

Spokesmen for Pelephone. Cellcom and Motorola either declined to comment or said they would after reading the Australian

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hoaxes and small explosions by the IRA during the campaign. Opinion polls all pointed to vic-tory for Labor leader Tony Blair, a telegenic modernist who duniped much of the party's socialist dogma in a bid to woo the middleclass votes he needs for victory.

The Labor victory makes Blair, 43, the youngest British prime minister in 185 years. Armed officers stood by as Blair voted near his home. When asked if he expected to win he smiled broadly, but sounded cautious: "It depends on the people."

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Two held for young girls' rape

Two men, 24 and 22, suspected of raping two girls, aged 12 and 15, and enticing them to use drugs, were remanded by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court vesterday for six days. A third suspect in the case was released to house arrest for 15 days. A juvenile was also arrested on suspicion of having sex with one of the girls, and was released on bail by a juvenile court judge. Itim

Court upholds Manbar remand

Businessman Nahum Manbar's appeal against having his remand extended until Monday was rejected yesterday morning hy Tel Aviv District Court President Menahem Ilan. He is expected to be indicted by Monday, and prosecutors will request that he be held until the end of legal proceedings.

Ceremony 50 years after British hangings

Some 200 veterans of the various pre-state Jewish undergrounds gathered at Beit Hanassi yesterday for a ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the hanging of 13 underground members by the British Mandatory Authorities and of the Acre Prison break-out. Members of the families of those executed were presented with a special medal to mark the occasion.

President Ezer Weizman paid tribute to the role the undergrounds played in the establishment of the state. "The victory in the Six Day War was achieved on the foundations you estab-

Treasury, Health Ministry discuss funding

"Some progress" in talks between Treasury and Health Ministry officials over financing of the basket of health services was made yesterday, according to the Health Ministry spokesman. Minister Yehoshua Matza, who went to Geneva for World Health Organization meetings, asked the ministry teams to continue working for 10 days and present their conclusions to him. Major gaps between the two ministries remain, the spokesman said, but agreement was reached on several principles for trying to find financial solutions to the funding crisis. The deficit in financing health services totals more than NIS 1.5 Judy Siegel

Animal shelter suffers another break-in

The shelter of the Jerusalem Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Atarot has suffered its second break-in within a week. Last Friday night intruders killed 12 dogs at the shelter, apparently by poison and strangulation. On Wednesday night, intruders smashed kennels and equipment in the veterinary clinic and office, and stole some items,

Although no dogs were physically harmed in the second attack, several showed signs of distress. The walls were daubed with pro-Fatah graffiti in Arabic. Due to financial problems, the JSPCA has been unable to hire a night watchman. Liat Collins

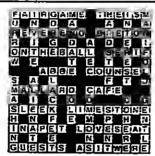


Bendheim honored by Jerusalem

New York businessman and philanthropist Charles Bendheim (left), chats with Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, at a City Hall ceremony yesterday at which Bendheim received a citation as an Honorary Fellow of Jerusalem. Bendheim, 79, is chairman of Shaare Zedek Hospital's executive committee and founder of the city's Koffolk chemical factory. He was lauded for his five decades of work on behalf of the capital. (Text: Judy Siegel, Photo: Isaac Harari)

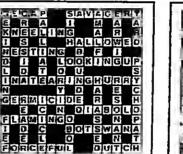
CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

Due to a technical error, the solutions to three crossword puzzles were published out of sequence this week. Here are the solutions to the puzzles.



ACROSS: 1 Telling, 5 Tails, 5 Mocha, 9 Machete, 10 Dungeon, 11 Tithe, 12 Fecund, 14 Ossify, 17 Idiom, 24 Needs, 25 Nonagon. DOWN: I Turned, 2 Lacoric, 3 Inane, 4 Gemins, 5 Tacitus, 6 Irert, 7 Scenery, 12 Faction, 13 Nemesia, 15 Inkline, 16 Spicen, 15 Ample, 23 Union, 21 Demon.

Friday, April 25



ACROSS: 1 Penn, 3 Portrait, 9 Libys, 10 Paunchy, 11 Nub, 13 Tight-knit, 14 Sombre, 16 Unwind, 18 Litigious, 29 Nib, 22 Crowned, 23 Couwy, 25 Tussling, 26 Oboc. DOWN: 1 Pylon, 2 Nob. 4 Oppugn, Taunton, 6 Ascension, 7 Trysted, 8 Mast, 12 Bumptions, 14 Solicit, 15 Reginal, 17 Golden, 19 Sack, 21

Sunday, April 27



Quick Solution

ACROSS: I Speck, 4 Tickle, 9 Forbeur, 10 Finer, 11 Tell, 12 Deuudes, 13 Tie, 14 Free, 16 Tome, 18 Foe, 20 Oilemma, 21 Dula, 24 15 Foe, 20 Oilemma, 21 Dula, 24 Eaten, 25 Curiuus, 26 Easily, 27 Train.

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Wednesday, April 30

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may have noticed on yesterday's masthead, namely finding myself back here as publisher of The Jerusalem Post, one of Israel's

oldest newspapers.

The Jerusalem Post can benefit significantly from being part of one of the largest and most distinguished newspaper chains, operating in the United Kingdom. Canada, and the United States. I am honored that the owners have entrusted me with the direction of one of the world's great titles, and thrilled to return to Jerusalem as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Zionist movement and the 50th anniversary of

the founding of the state. Owners expect a publisher to sell newspapers. As a reader and writer, however, I understand that we are not so much selling you a newspaper as - six days a week asking to borrow your scarce time in the face of many competing demands and pressures.

We will only succeed if you find our material useful, informative. well-written, and interesting. Content and presentation are what matter, all the rest is simply housekeeping. There is no contradiction between quality and profitability; rather, the two are mutually reinforcing.

Ours is a diverse audience - or, rather, audiences - consisting of English-speaking readers in Israel, including those whose mother tongue is Hebrew and wish to improve their mastery of the world's lingua franca. We must offer our readers a wide range of political, cultural, economic, and social information, and constantly seek out what is new and innovative. Our daily edition must remain in constant contact with its readers throughout Israel; the international editions must reflect the special, historic links between the Jewish people and Israel.

In the cacophory of messages that is today's media environment, we have a special responsibility, as Israel's only Englishlanguage daily, to present a true and accurate portrayal of reality. This does not mean that we must eschew passion. It does demand, however, that our personal political opinions and views - be they of the left or right - must never be allowed to color the headlines or

spill over onto the news pages

from the editorial pages.

Even bere, we must present a broad spectrum of views to help the reader understand the course. of daily events. Our only criterion is quality; our only restriction complete rejection of racism and

incitement. I am proud of the team at The Jerusalem Post and am committed to work with it to improve the product for our readers. Many have remarked that this newspaper is the world's window on Israel, which, with the sixth most popular newspaper web site in the world, has never been truer than it

is today. Israeli society today is acutely polarized. Secular and religious, Ashkenazi and Sephardi, rich and poor, Jew and Arab must find ways to maintain a civil discourse. There is no better way to do so than through respect for the fundamental rules of democracy, including freedom of expression.

The Jerusalem Post will explore with sensitivity the tension between Israel as a democratic and Jewish state; we will probe with balance and urgency the quest for new relationships in the region that have the potential to enhance Israel's security and

prosperity.

Our role is to help bridge gaps and not exacerbate them – be they within Israeli society or in Israel's relations with its Arab neighbors. The overriding responsibility is to carry out our craft with profes-sionalism and honesty.

Changes are coming in both the content and format of The Jerusalem Post - not change for its own sake, but change that will enhance the appeal of this news-

I shall be aided immeasurably by your views, the views of our readers. Some may be asked to serve as outside, informal advisers. I invite all of you to communicate your views of the paper directly to me - what you wish to see more of, what less, what appeals, and what displeases. You can fax me at 02-538-7862, or email me at publisher@jpost.co.il, or write to me at The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, Jerusalem 91000.

I cannot promise to implement every suggestion. I do give you my commitment to reflect on each one, as the staff of The Jerusalem Post goes about improving the newspaper and serving you better in what promises to be a challenging, but exciting period in the history of Israel and the Middle East.

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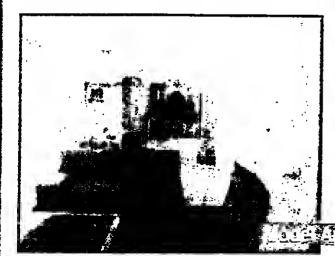


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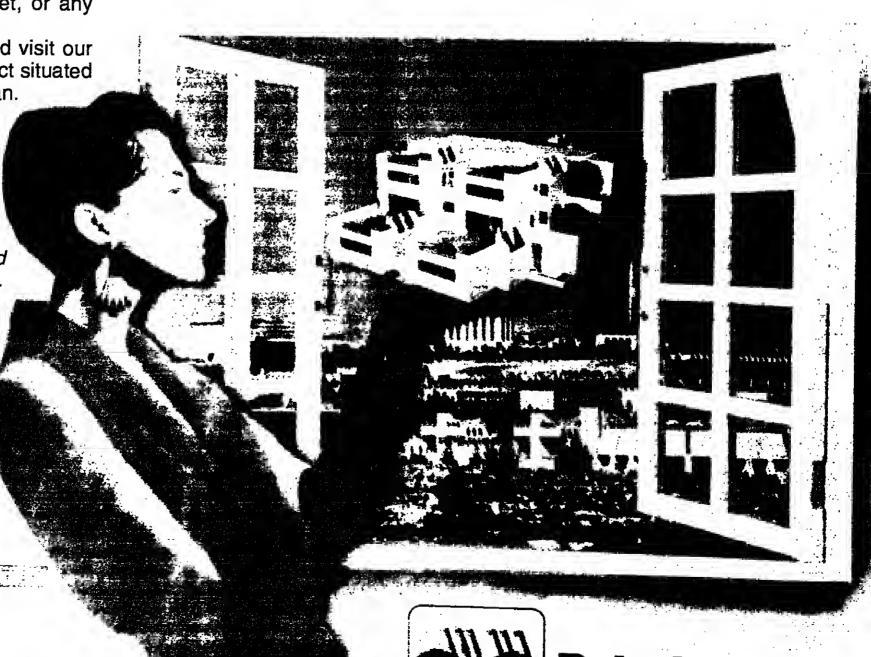
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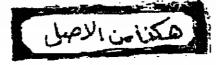
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Takes 1-0 lead in basketball championship playoff series

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Атар чес.

So much for that crystal ball. Defying this pundit, Maccabi Tel Aviv ran all over Hapoel Jerusalem last night in a 91-73 (halftime 55-31) blowout that left Jerusalem fans wondering whether this was the same club that beat the Tel Avivians to win the State Cup just a few

What looked like it would be a closely fought battle between Israel's two top teams oever even got near, as Maccahi simply stomped Hapoel into the Yad Eliahu floor in the first half.

looked back. Maccabi didn't even need any instructions from coach Zvi Sberf, who watched from the stands while serving the second game of his two-game sus-

Instead, the coach could sit back and

watch his charges completely control the tially the game, ended with Maccabi up backboards and run the fast-break to perfection, led by Nadav Henefeld who bad 10 first-half points, several on some fine flashes to the basket.

Borko Radovic, startiog in place of the injured Doron Sheffer, did a fine job, while Jerusalem did its best to shoot itself in the foot by committing four early turnovers, largely thanks to Maccabi's

Adi Gordon, who did not start because of the effects of flu, came off the bench early when Papi Turgeman was whistled for his third foul. Gordon got Jerusalem back ioto things briefly, and a three-pointer hy H. Waldman made it 24-16 with just under 10 minutes to play in the first half.

Then Katash caught fire after returning to the lineup. He scored oine of his 14 first-half points to belp Maccahi pull away to a 43-26 bulge. A three-pointer hy Sheffer and a basket at the huzzer from the corner by Radovic were the final nails in Jerusalem's coffin as the half, and essen-

Jerusalem committed nice turnovers in the balf, and oever seemed into the game. Coach Gadi Kedar might bave used Doron Sbefa more when Jerusalem desperately needed some offense, but elected to keep him on the beoch.

Shefa found the bench earlier than he thought be would in the second balf, when he and Brad Leaf were banished from the game late in the second stanza. The incident began with Shefa ioadvertently elbowing Karash in the face under the Jerusalem basket. Leaf, apparently seeking some retribution, gave Shefa a shoulder in the back on Jerusalem's next possession, and for some reason Shefa was also sent packing even though the Jerusalem player appeared to do oothing wrong.

Jerusalem's game, however, was all wrong, even in the second half, and it was quickly garhage time. It's just too bad the referees let the game deteriorate into a helter-skelter, overly physical affair.

Jerusalem, behind Billy Thompsoo and Dan Bingenheimer, got as close as 72-56 before Thompson fouled out, leaving an even larger gaping hole under the basket.

Constantin Popa supplied some good minutes off the bench for Maccabi io relief of Randy White and Buck Johnson had an important offensive rebound hoop to get Maccabi back out of the woods when Jerusalem briefly threatened to make a game of it.

For the most part, however, they didn't, and Jerusalem fans had to be disappointed with their team's lack of energy and often

moronic decision-making.
Turgeman in particular had a very forgettable game, and only Motti Daniel, with 17 points, was anywhere near bis

Buck Johnsoo led Maccabi with 15, while Katash had 14 and Sheffer 12. And in perhaps ooe of the highlights in an oth-erwise dull game, Guy Goodes returned to the Maccahi lineup late in the second half after a long layoff due to injury.

Hectic soccer week ends with 'soothing' **National** League

By DEREK FATTAL

After the rip-roaring events of the last few days on the international front, soccer fans up and down the country will be welcoming the relative calm presented by the continua-tion of action in the National League and Second Division.

The spotlight in the top flight is the dogfight between Hapoel Tel Aviv and Zafririm Holon to avoid the trauma of being relegated along with no-hopers Hapoel Taiba.

Both sides take to the field this weekend with away visits that pit them against the cream of the National League. The Tel Avivians travel to Teddy Stadium to meet champions-to-be Betar Jerusalem, while the Holonis have their work cot out against second-placed Hapoel Petah Tikva.

The Tel Aviv reds - with just one away win to their credit - will not be relishing their journey to the lions' den, but will draw some modicum of hope in the knowledge that Betar are without four of their first-choice s as midweek hero Eli Ohana together with Yossi Abuksis, Stefan Saloi and Assi Domb are unable to play due to their accumulation of

With just four rounds left of the campaign it is make-or-break time for Holon who already trail the Tel Avivians by three points. Hapoel Petah Tikva, who are still aussling with Hapoel Beersheba for the runners-up position and the UEFA Cup place that goes with it, are unlikly to be in a benevolent mood. The southerners, positioned one point behind Petah Tikva host Hapoel Beit She'an.

In the Second Division, Maccabi Netanya and Ironi Ashdod are neck and neck in the promotion bunt to join leaders Hapoel Ashkelon. Netanya play away at bottom-placed Hapoel Hadera today while Ashdod host Hapoel Bat Yam.
This weekend's National League focures
(all matches kick off tomorrow 16:30 unless

Hapoel Petah Tikva v. Zafririm Holon, Hapoel Petah Tikva v. Zafirim Holon, Petah Tikva, 77:00; Hapoel Taiba v. Maccabi Haifa, Umm el-Fahm, today; Buei Yehuda v. Kfar Sava, Hatilkva Quartez, 17:00; Betar Jerusalem v. Hapoel Tel Aviv, Teddy Stadium, 17:00; Maccabi Tel Aviv v. Hapoel Jerusalem, National Stadium, Ramat Gan, 17:00; Maccabi Herzilya v. Ironi Risbon Leziov, Herzilya, Inday; Hapoel Berrsheha v. Hapoel Beil She'an, Beersheba; Hapoel Haifa v. Maccabi Penah Tikva, Kiryat Eliezer, 16:00. National League

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M.L. Carr quits as Celtics coach

BOSTON (AP) - M.L. Carr resigned as coach of the Boston Celtics on Wednesday, following the team's worst season in its history. There was no immediate word on

whether he would stay on as director of basketball operations, a job he has held the past three NBA sea-

Potential successors as coach include Larry Brown, who resigned Wednesday as coach of the Indiana Pacers, and Kentucky coach Rick

uila.

SCOREBOARD WORLD CUP SOCCER - South American qualifying group results on Wednesday: In Santiago, Chile 6, Venezuch 0: In Barranquilla, Colombia 0, Peru 1; In Asuncion, Paraguny 3, Uruguny 1; In Bucuos Aires, Argentina 2, Ecuador 1.



UNSTOPPABLE - Michael Jordan goes for a layup against Jaren Jackson and Tracy Murray (right) of the Washington Bullets. Jordan scored 28 points in the Chicago Bulls' 96-95 victory to sweep their Eastern Conference first round series 3-0.

Bulls sweep Bullets, Portland stays alive against Lakers

(Reuter) - Michael Jordan scored 28 points and led a rally capped by Scottie Pippen's driving dunk with 7.4 seconds left that lifted the Chicago Bulls to a 96-95 victory over the Washington Bullets and a sweep of their Eastern Conference

first-round series on Wednesday. Jordan scored 10 points in the final four minutes and was nearly as dominant as he was in Game Two, when he scored 55 points, 20 in the fourth quarter. Pippen, almost a bystander in Game Two, scored 20 points, including the basker that clinched the best-of-five series.

The Bulls advance to the conference semifinals and await the winner of the Atlanta-Detroit series. "I thought we didn't play to our potential, Jordan said.

Canada scored early in the first

period then rode the goaltending of Sean Burke to a 5-1 revenge

win over the United States at the

ice hockey world championships

record to 2-1-1 but still left them

third in the B pool standings, one

It was the first loss for the

United States, who have not beat-

en Canada in world championship

compection since 1985. But they

did defeat their northern rivals in

the final of last September's inac-

With the Americans looking for

their first world otle in 64 years

and the Canadians seeking

reveoge, it was an entertaining

bard-hitting NHL type contest

before the first sellout of the tour-

into the first period on a goal by

Canada took a 1-0 lead just 1:22

point behind the United States and

Sweden.

The victory improved Canada's

ence in the playoffs and we were able to utilize our maturity. Their lack of playoff experience is what won this series for us."

Rod Strickland had 24 points and nine assists for Washington, which was hosting its first playoff game in

The Bullets blew a nine-point lead with four minutes left and were swept by a combined 18 points by the defeoding NBA It was the end of an era for the

Bullets, who next season are changing their nickname to Portland 98, LA Lakers 90

In Portland, Kenny Anderson scored 17 of his 30 points in the first quarter and the Portland Trail

Canada gets revenge over

US at world ice hockey

championships

TURKU, Finland (Reuter) - to level the score when Canadian

Blazers built a 31-point lead before hanging on to defeat the Los Angeles Lakers, 98-90 and stave off elimination in their Western Conference first-round series. Los Angeles leads the best-of-

five series 2-1. Anderson, who made his first

seven shots, finished 9-of-11 from the floor. He added five assists and five rebounds for Portland, which won a first-round Game Three at home for the third time in the last

Rasheed Wallace added 20 points and Cliff Robinson had 18 for the Trail Blazers, who built a 69-38 lead with eight minutes left in the third quarter. They still maintained a 26-point advantage heading into the final 12 minutes, but saw a furious Lakers rally cut the lead to six

The Trail Blazers won despite getting oo points and just five rebounds from starting center Arvydas Sabonis. Shaquille O'Neal led Los Angeles with 29 points while rookie Kobe Bryant added 22, including 14 in the final

Bryant's performance partially offset another bad game by Nick Van Exel, who missed all six of his shots from the field, neluding three from beyond the arc. In addition to Van Exel, starting

forwards Robert Horry and Elden Campbell also failed to show up. Horry was scoreless in 23 minutes while Campbell had just four points and three rebounds in his 23 Game Four is today in Portland.

of the center field wall. After an

Kevin Mitchell ended the game by

flying out to the warning track in

McGwire's second homer, his

11th of the season, landed in the pic-

nic area beyond the center field

fence, giving him two of the three

longest homers ever at Jacobs Field.

Juan Gonzalez hit one 460 feet in

Billy Taylor (1-1) was the winner

and Don Wengert got his first save

in the majors. Jose Mesa (0-2) was

intentional walk to David Justice,

McGwire homers twice, leads Athletics over Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) - Mark as the ball struck just below the top McGwire hit two tape-measure home runs - the first ever off the Jacobs Field scoreboard and a tiebreaking shot in the 10th - as the Oakland Athletics beat Cleveland

11-9 Wednesday night. McGwire followed a mammoth 485-foot blast in the third with a 459-foot shot to straightaway center off Jose Mesa in the 10th, breaking a 7-7 tie. The A's went on to score four runs in the inning, and they needed them all because Cleveland

American League

Wednesday's NL games: San Francisco 6, Pictsburgh 1; Atlanta 12, Chrimati 3; Los Angeler 7, Philadelphia 5; Montreal 8, Houston 6; NYMets 6, San Diego 2; St. Louis 6, Florida 2; Colorado 11, Chicago Cubs 5.
Wednesday's AL games: Detroit 8, Milwanker 4; Boston 11, Anahelm 2; NY Yankees 3, Sentic 2; Toronto J. Kansses City 6; Oakland 11, Cleveland 9; Baltimore 12, Minnesota 3; Texas 6, Chicago White Sox 2, 6 Innings, rain.

in brief

Voileyballers out of World Cup

The national volleyball team was eliminated from the World Cup preliminary rounds yesterday after their second defeat in two

Playing in a three-nation group in Bursa, Turkey, Israel lost 2-3 on Wednesday to the host team after leading 2-0 in sets and 11-10 in the third. The final score was 15-17, 12-15, 15-13, 15-5, 15-10

Yesterday Croatia beat Israel 15-9, 15-8, 15-5. Israel is still in the running in the European Cup preliminary rounds and will play Slovakia at Hadar Yosef on May 17 with the away game on May 24.

Heather Chait

Under-16 soccer side must beat Swiss today

Israel's junior (under-16) soccer side must beat Switzerland in their final group game in the European Championships in Hannover today in order to have a chance of qualifying for the latter stages of the compection.
The Israelis suffered their second loss out of two on Wednesday

when they went down 2-1 to Northern Ireland. They had lost their opening match 3-0 to Germany on Monday.

The Israelis, who are bottom of their four-team group, must beat the Swiss hy a two-goal margin and hope that Germany sink the Ulster boys. Any other permutation will see the Israelis heading for the airport and the next flight home.

76ers Iverson named Rookie of the Year

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Philadelphia 76ers guard Alleo Iverson was named NBA Rookie of the Year yesterday, the fifth top overall draft pick in seven years to snag the award.

Iverson received 44 of a possible 115 votes from a panel of

sports writers and broadcasters throughout the United States and Canada.

Minnesota's Stephon Marbury finished second with 35 votes and Vancouver's Shareef Abdur-Rahim was third with 25.

At six feet (1.83 m), Iverson was the shortest overall top pick in NBA history. This season he averaged 23.5 points, 7.5 assists, 4.1 rebounds and 2.07 steals in 40 minutes per game. He ranked sixth in the NBA in scoring and seventh in steals.

Three SA rugby players suspended for drug use

JOHANNESBURG (AP) - Three South African rugby players were each suspended for two years for using steroids, the South African Rugby Football Union announced yesterday. Johan Ackermann, Stefan Bronkhorst and Bennie Nortje all tested positive for the anabolic steroid nandrolone in urine sam-

ples, said Jannie Lubbe, chairman of the SARFU doping tribunal.

Man. Utd. could clinch Premiership and relegate 'Boro

LONDON (AP) - Manchester and a long-shot chance of staying United's fourth Premier League title in five seasoos could cost Middlesbrough and their manager former Manchester United star Bryan Robson - a place in England's top division next season.

Bitter irony. Robson - dubbed "Captain Marvel" during his playing days was the best player in the country in the 1980s and was capped 90 times for England. He was also United's captain, and now he's about to be

done in by his old club. United, with 69 points, need only five points from their last four matches to clinch the otle. Arsenal have 65 with two to play and Liverpool have 64 with three left.

United play at League Cup champions Leicester tomorrow. A win there would mean the Red Devils could clinch with another win on Monday at home against

Middlesbrough. Eveo if they fail to pick up the needed points in their oext two matches. United will surely get them with home games to finish the season against Newcastle (Thursday) and West

Ham (May 11). There are three different races still going on in the Premier League - the race for the top spot, the relegation battle at the bottom, and the race to clinch second place. England's No. 2 team will join the top club in next season's prestigious Champions League. The runners-up in Spain, Italy, France and Germany

At the bottom, Nottingham Forest with only 33 points and only two games remaining - are virtually certain to go down.

will also get an extra place.

Middlesbrough's demotion would likely prompt their foreign stars - Brazilians Juninho and Emerson, and Italian Fabrizio Ravanelli — to leave the oortheast England elub.

Middlesbrough also have 33 points but have four matches left

up. 'Boro are home to Aston Villa tomorrow, and then finish with three tough away games with Manchester United, Blackburn and

consolation Middlesbrough: they have reached the FA Cup final against Chelsea at Wembley on May 17.

The third club most likely to be relegated are Sunderland, who were promoted last season.

Sunderland have 37 points but only two games left - home to Everton tomorrow and away to Wimbledon on the 11th.

Coventry and West Ham, with 38 points each, are just clear of the relegation zone. West Ham have three difficult matches left - home to Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday, home to Newcastle on Tuesday and finishing at Manchester United on the lith.

The race for the No. 2 spot is between Arsenal and Liverpool. with Newcastle charging on the outside rail.

Arsenal have 65 points but only two games to play - a showdown at home tomorrow with Newcastle and at Derby on the 11th. Liverpool, with 64, are home to

Tottenham on Saturday, at Wimbledon on Tuesday and at Sheffield Wednesday on the 11th. Newcastle, with 60 points, goes to Arsenal Saturday and then finish with three matches - Tuesday at

West Ham, Thursday at Manchester United, and home on the 11th with

Nottingham Forest. In Scotland, Rangers need just one more point to clinch the Premier Division title and tie archrivals Celtic's eherished record of nine straight championships. Rangers are home to Motherwell on Monday, a bank holiday.

Tomorrow, in other Premier Division games, Raith are at Aberdeen, Hearts play at Dundee United and Kilmamock travel to

Ian Wright to face FA again

LONDON (Reuter) - Arsenal striker Ian Wright is facing another appearance before the English FA after remarks he allegedly made to a Premier League referee. The England international, who has appeared before FA hearings

throughout his career, has been charged with misconduct following comments he allegedly made to match official Mike Riley after the controversial 1-1 draw with Blackburn Rovers at Highbury on April 19. Blackburn striker Chris Sutton was accused of ungentlemanly conduct

by the Arsenal players after he won a corner, which led to Gary Flitcroft's 89th minute equalizer. The Arsenal players claimed Suttoo's actions were oot in the spirit of

the game when he forced full-back Nigel Winterburn to concede the corner Flitcroft converted after the Gunners had kicked the ball into touch because a player was injured.

Wright's anger boiled over as he walked off the pitch and allegedly directed comments at the referee. Wright was engaged in a feud with Manchester United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel this season although that appears to bave ended with

the two publicly settling their argument. Sports Editors: Joseph Hoffman and Ori Lewis

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But the Americans were unable to capitalize on that or on any of their six man-advantage situa-With just over a minote remain-

captain Dean Evason took a dou-

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ing Dan Plante.

ing in the second period, Jeff Friesen of the San Jose Sharks put Canada up 2-0. Benefitting from a lucky

bounce, Friesen tapped the game winner into a gaping US net after Mark Recchi's slapshot had richochetted off the goalpost directly onto his stick.

Ansoo Carter increased Canada's advantage 3-0 before Ken Klee ruined Burke's shutout bid when he blasted a slapshot past the partially screened net-Owen Nolan and Travis Green

Burke, was solid in the Canadian stopping all but one of the 31 shots directed at him. In a late game in Helsinki, Russia

had the other Canadian goals. beat the Czech Republic 3-2.

rallied again. Matt Williams barely missed a grand slam with two outs in the 10th National League

the loser.

Knesset convenes **Thursday**

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset will convene Thursday, despite the spring recess. for another special session, after the necessary 30 MKs signed a request. Eight urgent motions to the agen-

da are scheduled to be heard: The international isolation of Israel (Labor); opposition activities in the area of foreign policy which weaken Israel (Likud): the death of the peace process (Lubor); the Palestinian fight against terror as a condition for the continuation of the peace process (Likud); the UN decision on construction of Har Homa (Labor and Hadash); the national struggle to strengthen sovereignty in Jerusalem (Likud): the desecration of Shabbat and a religious holiday to prepare for the Mimouna festivities (United Torah Judaism); and the State Comptroller's Report (Likud). More motions could be added to the

list by Thursday. The session was initially called for by Labor, but the Likud responded by proposing motions of its own. Likud faction chairman Michael Eitan said Labor is apparently interested in calling as many sessions as possible before its party convention.

The Knesset is scheduled to begin its summer session on

Beilin predicts 'surprise'

"There will be a big surprise" on June 3, the day of the Labor Party's leadership primary, MK Yossi Beilin, one of the candidates for party leader, said yesterday.

I certainly admit that Ehud Barak has a lead in the polls conducted among party members," Beilin said, "but the most important thing is who can defeat the Likud. Barak's main contention. that only he can defeat the Likud and [Binyamin] Netanyahu, is faulty. Today, everyone can point to polls that show that both Barak and myself can beat Netanyahu."

Beilin said that a significant number of Barak supporters, who really would prefer to see him as party leader and prime ministerial candidate, will shift their support to him should it become apparent that his chances of beating Netanyahu are equal to those of Barak.

Magen suspends resignation

Deputy Finance Minister David Magen suspended his resignation for "two to three weeks" vesterday. after Gesher leader David Levy's intervention.

Magen, however, promised "big surprises soon in the political arena," but did not elaborate.

Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky predicted personnel changes in the government and the prime minister's bureau soon. while Prime Minister Binvamin Netanyahu announced the establishment of a Likud-Tsomet-Gesher ministerial forum that will meet weekly.

The political scene was rife with speculation yesterday about a possible cabinet reshuffle, when Magen made his comments about "a great surprise that will come soon." He refused to elaborate a very close watch on the political scene and be especially war, when the Knesset reconvenes.

Two sources close to Levy said last night that they had no idea what Magen has in mind, though they did stress that neither Levy nor anyone else in Gesher has any intention of bolting the coalition.

Magen announced Wednesday that he would be resigning his post in the hope that he could then spur Gesher to leave the Likud-led bloc and the coalition.

The final aim, Magen said, was early elections. It was to that end that Magen conferred with Levy vesterday, intending to immediateafterwards submit his resignation to Finance Minister Dan Meridor.

But instead of Magen persuading Levy, it took only a 30-minute tele-

except to advise reporters to "keep a tete for Levy to talk Magen out of resigning now.

Magen maintained last night that he had not changed his mind. "I am just as resolved as I had been to quit my post at the Finance Ministry and I will do so a bit later than I had planned - perhaps two to

three weeks later.

Magen blamed his decision to step down on Netanyahu's speech after the release of the attorneygeneral's report on the Bar-On Affair. But it was an open secret in Gesher that he had been extremely unhappy with his job and had repeatedly expressed a desire to quit.

"I cannot act alone as an individutal. I am part of a team and must play with it," Magen said last night. Meanwhile I await new, unexpected developments on the political

He further deepened the mystery

by saying that "one small step in internal party politics can become a big move in the political arena."

One suggestion was that Gesher may have made overtures to Yisrael Ba'aliya. It was noted that Magen and Levy had recently conferred with the party's Sharansky and Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein.

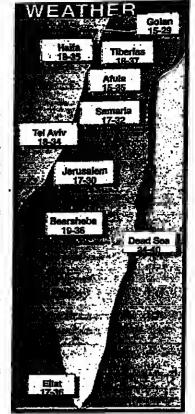
There was no confirmation by either party of any joint moves. Sharansky, meanwhile, told students in Herzliya yesterday that "changes should be expected on all sort of levels in the government and not just in the prime minister's bureau. The prime minister should be given a chance to work those

In another development yesterday. Netanyahu made one more move to convince his ministers that he is serious about consulting more

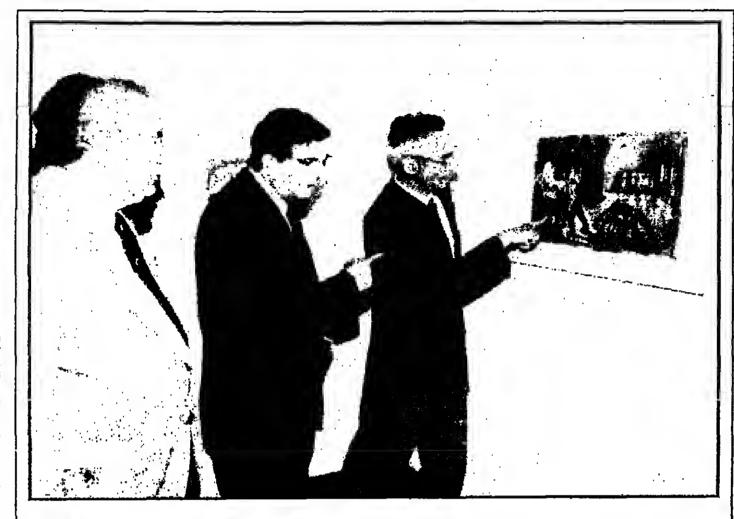
Yesterday, he announced the formation of a Likud-Gesher-Tsomet ministerial forum, which would include all Likud ministers as well as Levy and Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan. The forum will meet at 8:00 a.m. each Friday, an hour before the weekly cabinet meeting. The forum is to debate current issues before they are aired in the

full cabinet. The new forum would be in addition to the deputy premiers' forum, which meets with Netanyahu and which also includes Levy and Eitan, as well as the Likud's Moshe Katsav and the National Religious Party's Zevulun Hammer.

The new forum was generally welcomed in the factions concemed. Levy said that Netanyahu had consulted him "and I warmly endorsed this idea. Such forums had existed in the past and could help prevent misunderstandings.



AROUND THE WORLD



A survivor's art

A nainting by Holocaust survivor David Olere, who died in 1985, is examined by his son, Alexander (right), Yad Vashem chairman Avner Shaley, and renowned Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld (left) at the opening of an exhibition of the artist's works at Yad Vashem on Wednesday. Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day will begin on Sunday night, having been delayed by one day due to Shabhat. A new program to teach pupils more about gentiles who rescued Jews during the Holocaust has been prepared by the Education Ministry. The program includes stories and testimony describing the devotion Righteous Gentiles displayed in their efforts to save lives. It also discusses the dangers and moral dilemmas they faced.

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Elie Wiesel given honorary post at Swiss Holocaust fund

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Switzerland yesterday appointed Nobel Laureate Elic Wesel doyen international chairman of the Holocaust humanitarian fund, a ceremonial title that ends the latest snort in Jewish-Swiss relations.

Wiesel has the title but no special powers on the seven-member executive of the multimillion-dollar fund that is to benefit needy Holocaust surviviors. Wielet was awarded the title "in recognition of his extraordinary accomplishments and his tespected moral guidance." the Federal Council said in a statement.

Before the approundement, Wirela said he had been unaware of the unbrowleabout the title, in fact, he told The Jerusalem Post late Wednesday, the thirt is not important. He also had reservation: about his participation in the fund. "This is not my field," he said, "I have a

sure it's for me in another development, after more than a year of damaging media reserts. the Swiss government has hired Ruler Finn, a New York public relations firm, to help repair its image. Ruder Finn's clients include the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the National Jewish

Outreach Program. The World Jewish Restitution Organization, which nominated the three non-Swiss members of the executive, had demanded a special role for Wiesel. although the by laws of the fund - worked. out by the WIRO and the Swiss - call for the president to be Swiss, according to Swiss and Jewish sources. The fund's president is Rolf Bloch, a chocolate manplantager who is the head of the Swice Jewish community.

The Swiss named Bloch and the three other Swift members of the executive on Agril 16, with an ennouncement saying. The is extremely important that the Special Fund for the benefit of needy victims of the Holocoust be able to begin apprecion very rapidly."

The other lewish members are NRP

elder Hatermen Josef Burg and Likud MK Assaham Herschson. The jewish condidates' names were not formally received until April 22, and the Pageral Trunt, was nonplussed by the demond for a title for Wiesel, Swiss Fireter Ministry sources said. The WIRO had not raised the matter when it negotizated with the Swits over the format of the fund, the operates said.

The tangle poer the title was one of a series of shorts that has delayed the orgareceived of the fund, which was lounched. in early Factuary and is not expected to begin illeriting fords until some time-

Albig yesterilej, chron Swiss bank i Aereappealing to a federal court in Brooklyn. to diam, is or delay the three class-action. lawyong that hale been filed against them. The gourt severan came a day after the Swips Burkers Association agreed in principle to the "special" disclosure of the name of His Appetrated dormani The panks said they hope that "a mechanism will be implemented soon" to permit "public disclosure of names of account holders in the very special and limited circumstances presented by Holocausi-related dormant assets."

"We are taking this position for the purpose of advancing the efforts of the Swiss banks, the Swiss government, Jewish organizations, and others to assist Holocaust victims and their heirs to locate their assets," the bankers said, in a letter to the chairman of the Swiss Federal Banking Commission.

The letter came only days before today's one-year anniversary of the breakthrough agreement between the bankers and the World Jewish Restitution Organization and the World Jewish Congress to conduct an investigative audit of Holocaust-era accounts.

Claimants have contended that, without the names, it is difficult to identify family accounts. The Swiss banks, however, had refused

to publicize the names, citing bank-secre-

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Barak postpones hearing on Bar-On Affair petitions

By BATSHEVA TSUR and Itim

Supreme Court President Aharon Barak has rescheduled the hearing on five printions regarding. the Bar-On Affair for May 14.

Burek decided to postpone the court sessions by three days after receiving a request from the for Quality Morrement Government. The movement pointed out that the hearing's onginal date. May 11, coincided with Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars and said that hearing the petitions on that day would. be disrespectful of the memory of those who fell and to the berressed. families. The movement also perated out that it clawyers with toparticipate in Remembrance Day

MK Hanan Porat, in a separate

request to change the original was unternal information? which date, said that hearing on the Rar-On Affair would divers public

lattention (non: Remembrance Devi Band has disqualified himself from the five-member panel that will hear the petitions because he gave evidence to the police team. investigating the affair. The courrune, will therefore be neuted by

Justice Shiemo Lever. The State Atterney's Office recommendations on the affair. announced yesterday that it dues a saying the information is he exent not plan to make public the Rubinstein-Arbei report's minoristy opinion, which tailed for the inght to radd to indictment of Prime Minister Binyamin Nethnyaba and Jastice i subnotted a petition to the High-Morover Tzahi Hanaghi, In a letter to leave Uzi Atemon, Uzi Fegelman, head of the Justice Ministry's High Count decision. wrote that the minority epinion

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